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Greetings

This year, we are happy to send our twenty seventh annual DAHLIA BLUE BOOK as a greeting to our friends and customers from our new home in Columbia Station Ohio. With it, we wish to express our appreciation of your patronage and your invaluable recommendations of our services to your friends. While it has not been possible to reply to each of those who have written us, regarding their experience with our stock, we have, nevertheless, taken great pride in knowing that stock from Rocky River Dahlia Gardens has been a source of pleasure and satisfaction. To all, a great THANK YOU.

New Location

Our new location in Columbia Station, Ohio will be found to be more readily accessible than was our previous location in Rocky River. We are located on State Route 252 a half mile north of State Route 82. This is about twenty miles southwest of Cleveland. Route 252 crosses all numbered highways west from Cleveland; Route 82 crosses all numbered highways south from Cleveland. Make it a point to visit us at any time of the year. Visitors are always welcome.

New Era

A new era in the control of dahlia pests may be near at hand. Dr. R. B. Neiswander of the Ohio Experiment Station has been testing some of the new systemic poisons on his experimental dahlia plot at the Station. These poisons are applied to the soil from which they are taken in by the plant, which then becomes toxic to pests. When we examined the plots in early October it appeared that results were excellent, altho Dr. Neiswander is unwilling to recommend this method pending further experiments. When systemic poisons are fully accepted it will be a boon to the small home gardener who will not need expensive and cumbersome spraying or dusting equipment. A small amount of the material may be incorporated in the soil, or applied on the soil surface, by hand.

Another project worth watching is the use of antibiotics for the control of plant diseases, either thru immunization of the plant to disease, or the actual cure of diseased plants. However, this does not seem as near at hand as the use of systemic poisons, but work is progressing toward eventual success

General Information

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

ORDER EARLY

Early orders have first call on varieties which are in limited supply. Also the earlier you order the more likely that your order will be shipped at the time you request. During the heaviest shipping periods, more orders are booked for shipment on specified days than can possibly be handled on those days so they are shipped in the order in which they are received.

DEPOSITS

No deposit required. Just send in your order. Pay anytime before shipping date.

PLANT ORDERS

Plant orders are booked for shipment on the date specified by the purchaser. Shipments will be made as nearly on time as possible, subject to priority in ordering and other factors beyond our control, such as: the failure of a variety to produce cuttings early or in the quantity normally expected, inability to "harden off" plants out-of-doors preparatory to shipment because of severe weather, freezing temperatures at time shipment should be made, periods of heavy rains which slow up gathering of orders from the cold frames and the actual packing of the wet plants and saturated soil, strikes or threatened strikes affecting transportation or materials required in packing the orders. Kindly bear these factors in mind if your order does not reach you when expected, and rest assured we will do our utmost to get your order to you as promptly as conditions will allow.

Sometimes part of your order may be shipped at one time and the balance later when the plants become available. In the event we are unable to complete the order a refund will be made by check (stamps in amounts of less than one dollar) at a later date. During the heavy shipping season there may be a delay of as much as four or five weeks in the mailing of refunds. No credits are carried over from one year to another. If your refund has not been received by July 1st, notify us and the matter will be given prompt attention.

Plants received in poor condition will not be replaced unless special delivery, or special handling, postage was included with payment. Add forty-five cents for special delivery, or if you do not have special delivery service from your post office, add thirty-five cents for special handling. If plants are not received in growing condition, a "bad condition" report must be obtained from your post office, and forwarded to us, if replacement is to be in order.

POSTAGE

We pay the regular postage on retail orders of \$5.00 or more. On orders of less than \$5.00, add fifty cents for postage and packing. Purchaser pays all special charges such as air mail, special delivery, etc. All wholesale orders are F.O.B. Columbia Station.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

All stock shipped from our nursery is guaranteed to be true to name and in growing condition upon arrival. Stock failing to meet these conditions must be reported to us as soon as the failure becomes apparent, if replacement is desired. Because of many conditions beyond our control, we can not be held responsible for growing failures once the stock has been planted.

SUBSTITUTION

We never substitute one variety for another unless specifically requested to do so. If you have second or third choices you may list them on the order.

EXPORTS

Customers in other countries should obtain import permits from their department of agriculture and the necessary information regarding importation into their country. If no permit is required that fact should be stated on the order.

SALES TAX

Residents of Ohio must include the three per cent sales tax with remittance.

TELEPHONE

Belmont 6-3387 (Columbia Station)

ABBREVIATIONS

The letters immediately following the name of a variety are the key to the classification of that variety. The 1957 BLUE BOOK classifications are based on the joint, revised classification by The Central States Dahlia Society and The American Dahlia Society, but can not be regarded as official as changes will be made after this is written. We believe it will be found to be substantially correct.

First letter in the classification code following the name of the variety indicates the size; the second letter indicates the type; the third one indicates the color. As an example, A-FD-W would mean the variety was a large variety normally growing over eight inches in diameter, formal decorative in type, white in color. See under "classification" below for full key.

Following the classification code is the name of the grower (in parenthesis) who introduced the variety. In the case of more recent introductions the name of the originator is also given and separated from the name of the introducer by a hyphen as (Wolbert-Rocky River) which indicates Mr. Wolbert was the originator of the variety and it was introduced by us. In the case of foreign introductions, which are indicated by an asterisk (*) the originator and introducer may be unknown or vague.

CLASSIFICATION

Size

A—Large (Exhibition), over 8 inches
B—Medium (Cut Flower), 4 to 8 inches
Ba—Ball, 3½ inches or over

M—Miniature, under 4 inches (Miniature Ball, 2 to 3½ inches).

Pom—Pompon (for exhibition purposes must be under 2 inches in diameter)

Type of Flower

An—Anemone

Ba—Ball

C—Cactus

Coll—Collarette

FD—Formal Decorative

IC—Incurved Cactus

ID—Informal Decorative

Mig—Mignon

O—Orchid Flowering

P—Peony

Pom—Pompon (for exhibition purposes must be under 2 inches in diameter)

S—Single

SC—Semi-Cactus

St. C—Straight Cactus

Color

Au—Autumn

Bi—Bi-Color

Blend { Lt. Bl—Light Blend
Dk. Bl—Dark Blend

L—Lavender

Or—Orange

Pk—Pink

Pr—Purple

Red { Dk. R—Dark Red
R—Red

Var—Variegated

W—White

Y—Yellow

Fl—Flame



DAHLIA GREEN PLANT

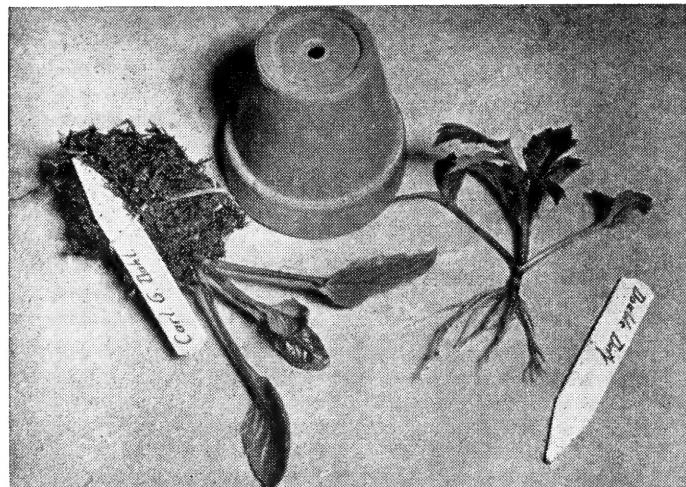
Dahlia Green Plants

Dahlia "green plants" or simply "plants" as we refer to them in this book are little dahlia plants grown from cuttings. The cuttings are taken from selected clumps which are started into growth in the greenhouses during the late winter months. As soon as the sprouts are long enough to handle, they are taken off and placed in a special rooting medium. When the cuttings are rooted they are potted into three inch pots in a soil selected, or prepared to hold together in shipment.

After potting, our plants are carefully grown and constantly watched to insure plants of highest quality. At just the right time they are moved from the greenhouses into cold frames for the extremely important and exacting "hardening" process.

Our plants are shipped to all parts of the country in paper shipping pots, carefully packed to insure safe arrival. (See the paragraph on plants under "CULTURAL HINTS" in the back of this book).

Properly grown plants produce flowers as early as flowers are produced from roots. As a rule the flowers from plants are superior. Growth, and total productivity of bloom, are equal to bushes grown from roots. Good clumps are formed for carrying the variety over winter. Plants are sold cheaper, not because of any difference in their worth, but because by use of careful propagation methods we are able to produce several plants from one root.



Rooted Cuttings

Left, rooted cutting with roots wrapped in damp sphagnum moss for shipping. Center, three inch pot. Right, rooted cutting ready for potting.

Altho we do not recommend the purchase of rooted cuttings by any who have had no previous experience with them, except on a trial at purchaser's own risk, we will furnish high grade, well rooted cuttings of varieties which are listed in plants in this book. Prices are one third less than the price of a plant of that same variety. Rooted cuttings are guaranteed to reach the purchaser in growing condition if sent by "special delivery" or "special handling" parcel post, but we can not assume responsibility for loss of the cuttings once they have been received in good condition.

When cuttings are received they should be planted at once and watered well. For the first two or three days they should be protected from direct sunlight and draughts. By the end of that time, the roots will have started to establish themselves in the soil, and a gradual exposure to sun and normal growing conditions should be made. Rooted cuttings do require some attention for the first few days, but once past that stage they will develop into fine plants with gratifying results.

Rooted cuttings may be obtained four to six weeks before time to plant in the garden, planted in pots or plant bands and grown into good sized, strong plants by the time to plant outside. Or, as some prefer, they may be purchased for delivery a week or ten days before intended planting in the garden, gradually hardened to outside conditions and then set right into the garden as one would any other unpotted plant. This method requires a little more attention to details of conditioning the cuttings, but has the advantage of better and straighter roots when the clumps are dug the next fall.

Pot Roots

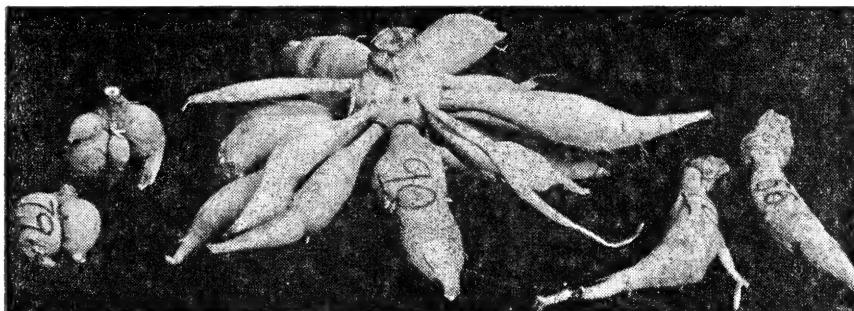
Pot roots are tiny clumps, or individual roots, which have been grown in three inch pots. As a planting unit, they are planted, and perform, similarly to roots, but at a lower initial cost. For propagating, they are excellent for producing a few cuttings, usually more rapidly than a fully matured field grown root. They are especially suited for early Southern planting as they are available at any time. We suggest Southern growers who have been using plants try them to avoid the disappointments sometimes experienced because plants can not be produced early enough for very early planting. They are also ideal for others who have not had full success in producing good clumps from plants. It will be well to remember, when first buying pot roots, that in spite of their meager size, they have vigor and vitality which often surpasses that of field grown roots. Invariably, they produce a better clump of roots the following fall than do field grown roots, especially if the latter are large when planted. Like field grown roots, they are less subject to stem and crown rots in winter storage than are clumps produced by green plants.

Clumps

Clumps are the entire group of roots attached to one plant as dug in the fall. For those who prefer to purchase clumps for fall delivery, and are willing to assume the responsibility of carrying them over winter, we supply the finest clumps that can be had, at a saving over what the roots on that clump would cost in the spring. Our list of clump prices is available in early fall, but only to those who send in a special request for it, and those who bought clumps from us the previous fall. Clump orders must be in our hands in time for the clumps to be shipped before December 15th.

Roots

Roots referred to in this catalog, are what are sometimes called "tubers," "toes," "potatoes" etc., but which are actually (botanically) enlarged fleshy roots. A root is a division from a clump, with a portion of the crown (base of stalk) attached, on which there is one live eye, or sprout. Should the root you wish to plant have more than a single eye, it is advisable that the extra eyes be cut out, as each eye produces an independent plant. Planting two eyes in one hill would result in two plants growing where there should be but one.



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Wholesale

While our business is primarily selling to the home gardener we will sell wholesale to bona fide commercial growers or dealers if our stocks permit. Those wishing to obtain wholesale quotations must apply on their letterhead showing them to be engaged in a commercial horticultural pursuit.



Honor Rolls

We are of the opinion that the "Honor Roll" set-up as it is now, is not in the best interests of our originators, ourselves, or the official A. D. S. Trial Grounds. As a result we withdrew from the program last spring. None of our proposed introductions were sent to any of the Honor Roll testers by us, and none will be as long as the situation remains as it is.

Our introductions are first grown here two years, with rare exceptions, and selections made on the basis of performance. We feel qualified, after more than twenty years as introducers, to determine which varieties have sufficient quality and public appeal to warrant introduction.

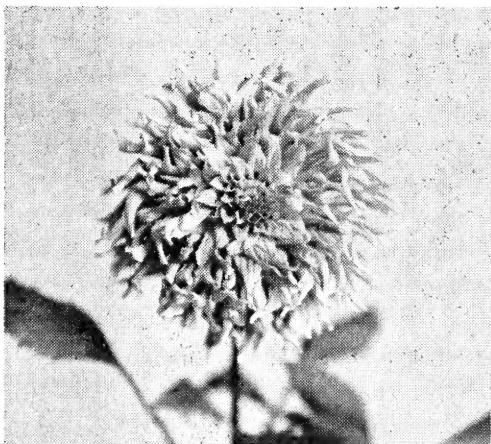
ROCKY RIVER INTRODUCTIONS

BARBARA JEAN (Schmidt-Rocky River) A ten inch cactus of a medium shade of pink. Very full petaled blooms, with high full centers, giving added depth. Prime blooms show a decided tendency of the petals to break toward the side giving a pin-wheel effect. It attracted considerable attention at the Midwest Show in Cincinnati in 1955 when shown as #4701. It was awarded a Certificate of Merit at the Cincinnati Trial Ground in 1956, and at Long Island in 1955.

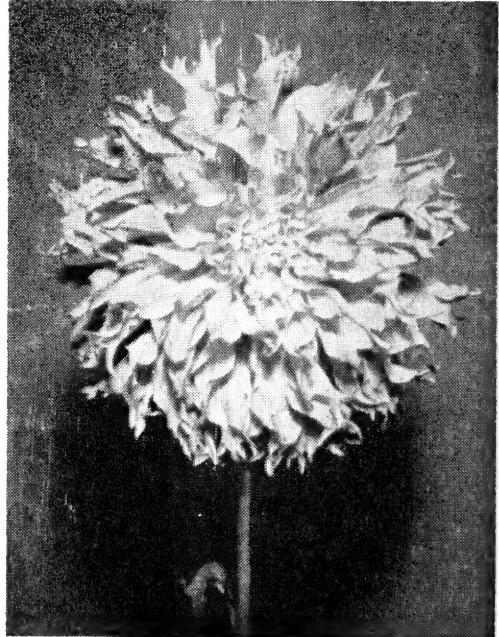
Root \$15.00 net, Plant \$5.00 net

CAROLINE M. (Moore-Rocky River) A quality informal of rare beauty. Blooms in the ten inch range. A blend of lavender, orchid, cream and lighter centers. Twisting petals are distinctly notched. Shown seven times in seedling competition, it won five AMERICAN HOME Achievement Medals at the following shows: Milwaukee, Central States, Midwest at Moline, Southtown, and St. Louis. In each of the seven shows it scored 85 or better in Seedling Sweepstakes competition.

Root \$15.00 net, Plant \$5.00 net

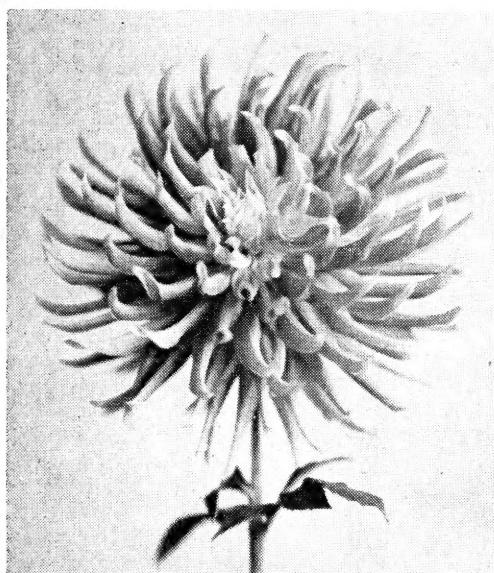


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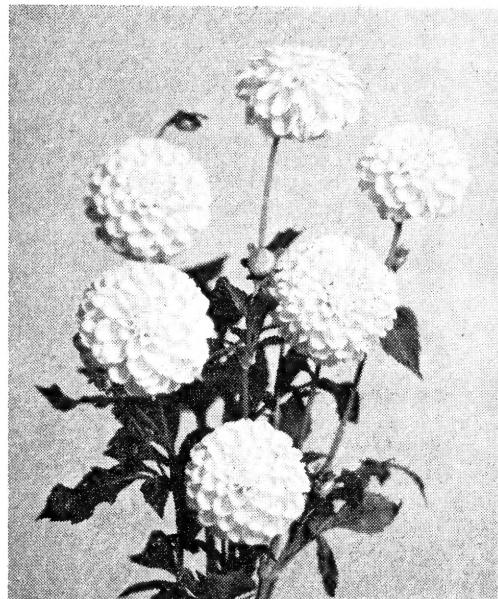


CAROLINE M.

ROCKY RIVER INTRODUCTIONS



CLARIAM PARRISH



DOTTY

CLARIAM PARRISH (Wolbert-Rocky River) A clear, deep shade of pink with creamy centers. A ten inch cactus with slightly incurved petals. Substance is good. Most flowers face side, or slightly up. "Largest most Perfect Bloom" at Toledo in 1956 where it won the AMERICAN HOME Achievement Medal, an honor which it was also accorded at Indianapolis.

Root \$15.00 net, Plant \$5.00 net

DOTTY (Haugh-Rocky River) A real gem for the miniature class. This yellow formal has everything a good miniature should have. Light yellow, almost ball-shaped with nice full centers. Very early and prolific. Fine for exhibition and it handles well for commercial cutting too. Blooms average about three inches in diameter on proper type stems. Seedling Sweepstakes award at Cleveland.

Root \$5.00 net, Plant \$2.00 net

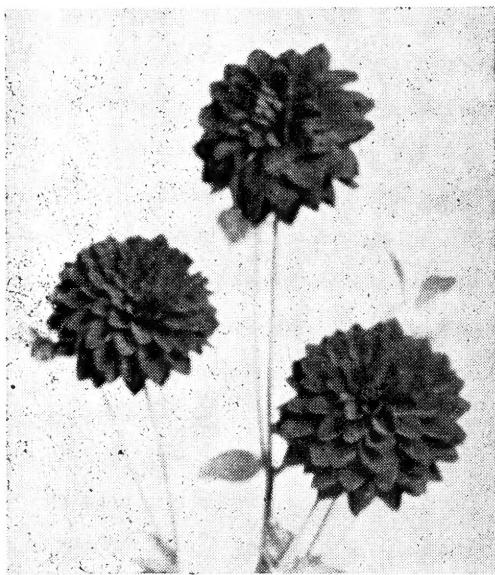
FRANNY GRACE (Rich-Rocky River) This miniature formal's chief distinction is its brilliant rich red color. Low growing, free blooming plants are a bright spot in the garden. Blooms average about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter.

Root \$5.00 net, Plant \$2.00 net

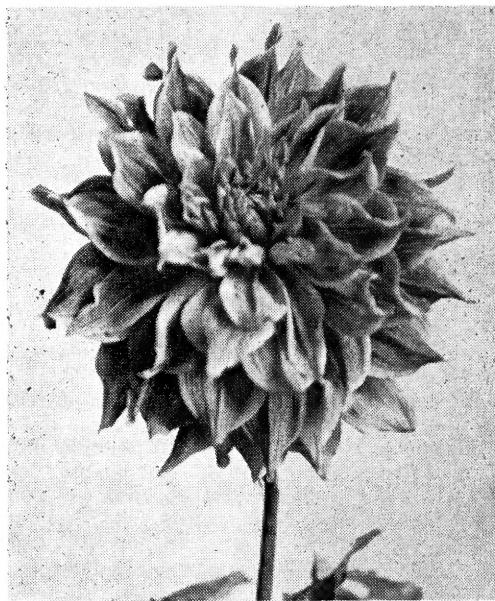
GIANT BEAUTY (Marlow-Lundgren-Rocky River) Here we have extreme size. Some have called it the largest dahlia grown. Fifteen inches at the Oakland Trial Grounds in 1955 and eleven and one half inches at East Lansing in 1956. It was awarded Certificates of Merit at both of the foregoing and also at Long Island. Winner of the DERRILL W. HART Medal for large dahlias with the highest average score at three Trial Grounds. We had thirteen and one half inch blooms in the field. Broad petals of a color hard to describe; a sort of dark rose with tints of buff, purple, and with yellow at base of petals. Will probably be classed informal altho close to being borderline formal. Not too much substance but a real giant.

Root \$15.00 net, Plant \$5.00 net

ROCKY RIVER INTRODUCTIONS



FRANNY GRACE



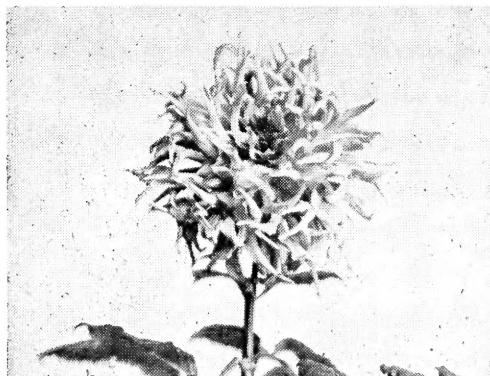
GIANT BEAUTY

IMPERIAL (Brown-Rocky River) Another big one, often attaining a twelve inch diameter. Our illustration shows it as an incurved cactus altho the originator regarded it as a semi cactus. In early season it is apricot orange, but later it is autumn. A good grower and a free bloomer for so large a variety. It was never shown in seedling competition, but has been a frequent winner in open-to-all competition.

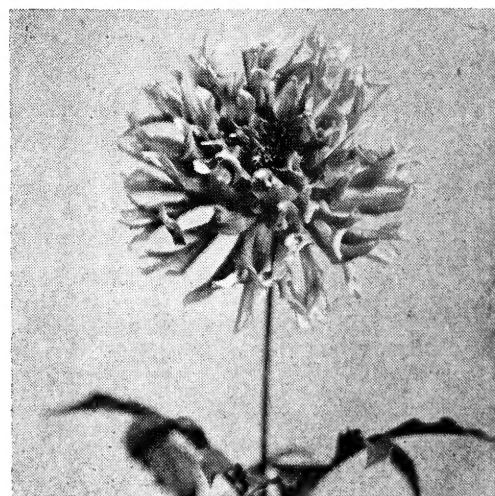
Root \$15.00 net, Plant \$5.00 net

KATHLEEN (Phillips-Rocky River) A very clear, clean pink cactus in the six to seven inch range. A real eye catcher in the garden where it is always covered with blooms from early until late. Substance and stem are all that could be desired. Fine for exhibition or commercial work. It scored well in a number of Seedling Sweepstakes classes and won the AMERICAN HOME Achievement Medal at Williamsburg. Tall grower and a good root-maker.

Root \$10.00 net, Plant \$3.50 net



IMPERIAL



KATHLEEN

ROCKY RIVER INTRODUCTIONS



LADY ESTER



LAVENDER QUEEN

LADY ESTER (Ratcliff-Rocky River) A nicely formed four to five inch formal in the dark blend class. Deep rose with purple tints shading almost white at centers. Numerous small petals give the flowers refinement. Centers are high and full. Stems are well proportioned holding flowers facing the side. Early and prolific. Plants are tall and vigorous.

Root \$5.00 net, Plant \$2.00 net

LAVENDER QUEEN (Eccleston-Rocky River) A good type formal that is always formal. Seven to eight inch lavender that will be hard to beat. The well formed blooms are held facing side on ideal stems. Plants are fast growers and bloom early. Winner of the AMERICAN HOME Achievement Medal at Cleveland.

Root \$10.00 net, Plant \$3.50 net

PIEDMONT JEWEL (Faust-Rocky River) An eight inch, full petaled lavender semi cactus with unusual depth. Fine form, and good substance give immediate advantage over the very few varieties competing with it on the exhibition tables. Stiff, nicely proportioned stems hold the blooms above the tall plants. AMERICAN HOME Achievement Medal at Birmingham.

Root \$10.00 net, Plant \$3.50 net

PRINCE CHARMING (LaMotte-Rocky River) A four inch, miniature semi cactus, which may be classed flame. A real gem and a showy spot in the garden. It is very early and prolific and has excellent substance. Keeps well on the plant, or when cut; a good all-around miniature.

Root \$5.00 net, Plant \$2.00 net

COLLECTIONS

See page 39 for money saving collections.

DAHLIA SEED

Our dahlia seed is unsurpassed.
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ROCKY RIVER INTRODUCTIONS



PIEDMONT JEWEL



PRINCE CHARMING

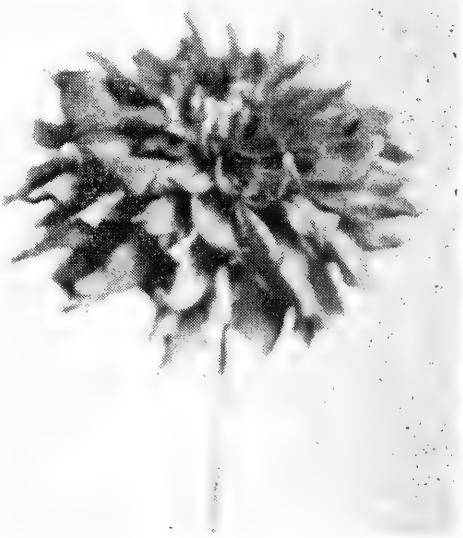
ROSA LENE (Barrett-Rocky River) A seven to eight inch incurved cactus of deep lavender, or light purple. Notably good formation of blooms. Flowers are full centered and have greater depth than the average. Good substance. Well proportioned stems hold blooms above the medium height plants. Certificates of Merit at Cincinnati and Oakland Trial Grounds of the American Dahlia Society.

Root \$10.00 net, Plant \$3.50 net

VIVIAN H. (Hadow-Rocky River) A sturdy, eight inch, orange informal which will have but little serious competition on the show table. Blooms have very good depth. The stems are extra long, holding the flowers well above tall growing plants. Root \$10.00 net, Plant \$3.50 net



ROSA LENE



VIVIAN H.

New Novelties for 1957

Each year we select a few of the best new offerings of other growers. Since we were in the process of moving, last fall at show time, we were unable to attend our usual quota of shows and gardens, so we have depended largely upon the recommendations of friends, who did see these new ones, and upon the reputations of those who are introducing them.

ANNA PARRELLA (Rolloff-Parrella) A dark red and white informal bicolor. Cardinal red with generous white tips. Blooms about $7\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches with eight to ten inch stems. Blooms are held facing the side on medium size plants. **Plant \$3.50 net**

ART LINKLETTER (Comstock) A very large semi cactus of primrose yellow, with blooms up to 14 inches in diameter, as reported by the originator. Long, strong stems. Vigorous plants with dark green foliage. **Plant \$5.00 net**

CABIN BEAUTY (Happy Cabin) A light blend of mimosa yellow, heavily blushed mauve. This $6\frac{1}{2}$ inch semi cactus has a long, wiry, stem and should make a fine cut flower, as well as being a good exhibition variety. **Plant \$3.50 net**

CARRIE MAC AVOY (Pennypack) A large, semi cactus of gold blended with rich apricot. Ten inch stems hold blooms facing the side. Blooms average about 10 inches. Plants medium to low growers with small, dark green foliage. **Plant \$5.00 net**

CHARLES ONDRICK (Roberts-Ruschmohr) A dark blend, semi cactus averaging about $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter with exceptional depth. It is a dusky autumn of burnt sienna, overlaid mallow rose. **Plant \$5.00 net**

DARK LUSTRE (Dahliadel) An orchid type of deep velvety purple color. Blooms about 3 inches in diameter. Color does not fade. Excellent stems. Profuse bloomer. **Plant \$1.50 net**

EL DORADO (Gaylord-Dahliadel) A bicolor semi cactus. Marigold orange, deepened with lines of red, and with long white tips. Blooms about 8 inches in diameter on medium plants. Stems are long and straight. Foliage is dark green. **Plant \$3.50 net**

NINA GERHARDT (Shephart-Ruschmohr) Informal. Unusual color of spinel red, suffused chrysanthemum red, with reverse of petals tipped gold. The gold reverse shows on the face of blooms. Medium size blooms averaging about 8 inches in diameter. **Plant \$3.50 net**

NUTLEY SUNRISE (Frey-Dahliadel) An 8 inch incurved cactus. Bright apricot base with burnt orange suffusions and shadings of rose. A dark blend. Petals curl and twist giving added depth to blooms. **Plant \$5.00 net**

SUNSETKIST (Forest) A 7 inch informal decorative of Indian orange. Long stems hold flowers facing side. Plants of medium height with dark green foliage. A showy variety in the garden. **Plant \$3.50 net**

Join Your Dahlia Society

Dahlia societies are the backbone of dahlia interest and merit your active and financial support. Nearly every state, and many localities in these states, have societies working in the furtherance of general dahlia culture and the dissemination of information regarding all phases of this culture. We will be glad to furnish such information as we may have in regard to the ones nearest you.

Secretaries of dahlia societies are requested to send us their names and addresses, and any material they may have relating to their societies, so that we can refer inquiries from their localities to them.

The American Dahlia Society and The Central States Dahlia Society publish interesting and informative bulletins for their members. Write us for membership applications.

General List of World's Best Dahlias

VARIETIES MARKED

Varieties marked with asterisk (*) are of foreign origination.

HEIGHTS

Unless otherwise mentioned in the description of the variety, the plants are of medium height.

SIZE

Size of blooms as given at the end of the description of each variety is by no means the maximum. Many of those listed as ten inch blooms have been grown twelve to thirteen inches in diameter. Size is indicated thusly: 10x6, which indicates a ten inch diameter and a depth of six inches.

ADELAIDE B-FD-Or (Nicholson-Rocky River) A medium size formal decorative without much competition in it's class. The color is a lively orange. Petals roll completely back to the stem forming a ball shaped flower. The stems are long and graceful, holding the blooms well above the tall plants. Size 6½x3.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

***ADOLPH MAYER** A-SC-Dk R This excellent variety from Holland comes nearer to being black than any dahlia in this list. The deep garnet red flowers are of good size; the petals have a velvety appearance and it keeps well when cut. Stems are ideal. A strong, freely branching plant, with dark green foliage. Abundant flowering habits. It is also a fine root maker. Size 9x3.

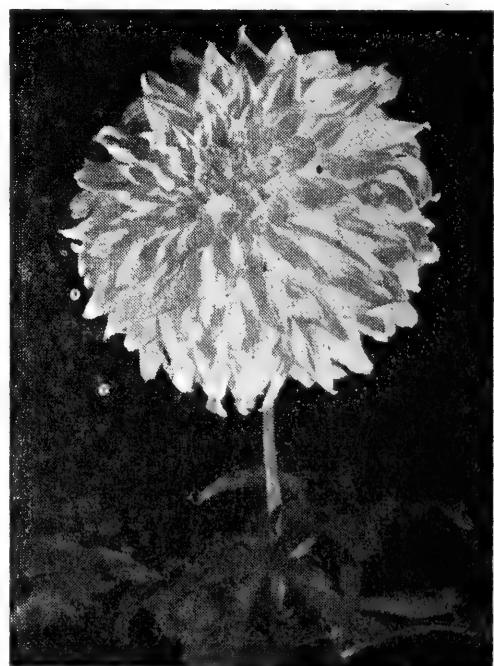
Plant \$1.00

AGLOW A-ID-Au (Dahliadel) Warm amber yellow, heavily suffused scarlet on the center area of each petal, and with a golden sheen over all. Fine open grower producing good blooms on long, strong, stems. Size 10x4.

Root \$1.50



ADELAIDE



ALICE MAY

ALABASTER B-FD-W (Tomeczak-Parrella) A well formed white formal with good depth. Good stems hold blooms facing side above the tall, rugged plants. Size 7x3½. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

ALCAZAR A-SC-Dk R (Ballay) A nicely formed flower of good size. The color is an unusual fuchsia red with a trace of cerise. Habit of growth is excellent. Size 9x4. Root \$1.00

***ALICE MAY** A-ID-W This one from Australia might well be described as a white Lord of Autumn. The blooms are large and of great depth. Stems, foliage, and substance are excellent. The low growing plants produce many fine exhibition blooms. Size 9x5.

Root \$1.50, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

ALLWAYS A-IC-Pk (Phillips-Rocky River) A well formed straight cactus of empire rose with salmon at centers. Petals are well rolled and have good substance. Plants are naturally free branching, and wide spreading in growth, producing abundantly from midseason until frost. Centers remain tight throughout. A real beauty. Size 9x5.

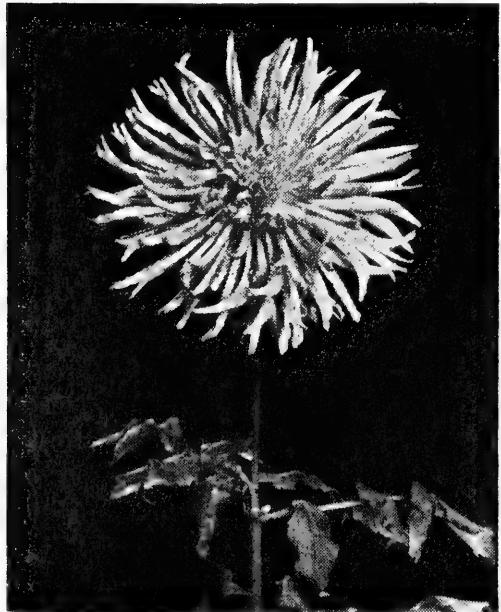
Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

AMOS KIRBY A-ID-Pr (Johnson) A large informal purple decorative, on good stems. The color is amaranth purple, shading to pansy purple; also described as royal purple plus red. A good grower, and a worthwhile variety. Size 10x5. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

ARTHUR GODFREY A-FD-F1 (Pittman-Dahliadel) One of the largest formal decoratives, both in diameter and depth. The color is Orient red, with orange, or buff shadings, varying in color intensity during the season. Excellent stems hold most blooms facing up. A rugged grower. Size 11x6. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

ATOMIC YELLOW A-SC-Y (Proctor-Ruschmohr) An introduction of merit. The blooms are large and massive, the color is clear, canary yellow without tints or shadings. A good grower that requires very little fertilizer. A good bloomer that blooms freely from mid-season. Size 10x6.

Plant \$1.00



ALLWAYS

SEEDLING TRIALS

Our seedling trials are the most extensive of any in the country. These require a great deal of time in observation and keeping of records, so we must request that we not be asked to grow your seedling unless you intend that we introduce it, if introduction appears to be warranted. Our introductions are grown here at least one year prior to being released.

Because of the great number of varieties grown here on trial, we suggest that varieties not be sent until the originator has sufficient stock so that he can send us four or more roots, or plants, with permission for us to destroy the clumps of those which do not seem to warrant introduction.

SUBSTITUTION

While we do not substitute unless given permission, we recommend that the buyer select one or more substitutes, or give us permission to substitute full value in a variety as nearly like the one ordered as possible. Such substitutes will be sent only if out of the variety ordered.



B & B

CLUMPS

Whole, field grown clumps, as dug, will be available of most of the varieties listed in this catalog. Clumps are sold only for fall delivery; no clumps being held later than Dec. 15th. Clump price lists are sent only to those who ordered clumps the previous fall, and to those who request it for that particular season. Requests for the price lists may be sent now.

AUTUMN BLAZE A-ID-Dk Bl (Johnson). This variety is fiery red early in the season; later, it is red centered with shades of gold toward the ends of the petals, a very striking color combination. The large, deep blooms are "at home" in the big bloom classes. Size 11x6.

Root \$1.50

***AXFORD TRIUMPH** A-ID-Au A large Australian variety which is very popular with our exhibition growers. The general color effect is tan. Plants are robust with good foliage. Good stems. Size 11x4.

Root \$1.50

***BALLEGO'S SURPRISE** A-SC-W A real top-notcher, best described as a white Frau O. Bracht. Plants, however, have more vigor than the latter variety. A fine dahlia in the garden as well as one of the best exhibition and commercial varieties. Size 8x4.

Plant \$1.00

BAY CITY WHITE A-St-C-W (Schiell) A really big, bold, white cactus. Petals are rather wide and have good substance. Flowers are well formed, held facing side on good stems. An excellent exhibition variety. Size 11x5.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

B & B A-FD-L (Beals-Boyle-Rocky River) A ten inch lavender formal with good depth, a high full center and excellent substance. Stems are stiff as a rod, eight to ten inches long, holding the flowers facing the side. Plants are very rugged with coarse leathery foliage. A good root maker. Size 9x5.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

BELVEDERE A-ID-Pk (Ballay) Large blooms of silvery pink. Form and substance are all that could be desired. A strong grower that is very attractive in the garden and a potential winner on the show table. Size 10x4.

Root \$1.50

BERTHA SHONE A-IC-LtBl (Eccleston-Rocky River) A broad petaled cactus with deeply laciniated tips. Outer two thirds of the petals are a clear lavender with the center third pure white. Blooms have good substance and depth. Stems are strong, holding most flowers at a forty five degree angle. An early and profuse bloomer, as well as an excellent root-maker. A fine garden variety and a frequent show winner. Size 10x6.

Root \$3.00 Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

***BESSIE HARDRESS** A-FD-Y A large, well formed, formal with good depth, good stems, and good growing habits. Centers are primrose yellow shading to golden yellow which blends into chrome yellow on outer third of petals. Size 10x4½.

Root \$1.50

BETTY BLOSSOM B-FD-LtBl (Rindfleisch-Ruschmohr) A medium size formal of straw yellow flushed phlox pink; a pleasing combination in a flower of high quality. An early blooming variety with excellent stems. Plants are vigorous with well proportioned foliage. Size 7½x4.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

BIG TOP A-C-LtBl, (Robens) A very large, light blend, straight cactus of Persian Rose blended with white and with lighter centers. Tall, and a strong grower. Size 11x5.

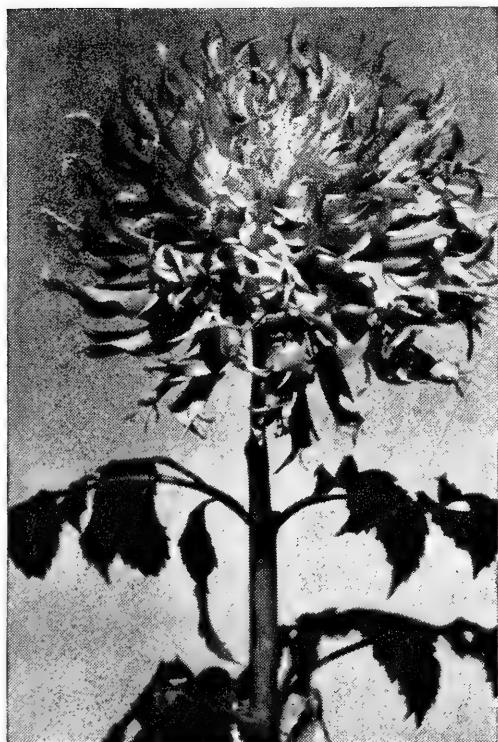
Root \$10.00, Pot Root \$6.75, Plant \$3.50

BILL JACK A-SC-W (Frank's) This white semi cactus is one of the best. Plants are tall, stems long and strong, flowers are well formed with excellent depth and good substance. An ideal exhibition variety. Size 9x5.

Plant \$1.50

BLACK MONARCH A-SC-DrR (Pape-Rocky River) A very dark oxblood red, aptly described by a garden visitor as "the big misty black dahlia." A strong grower and free bloomer. Stems are long and strong holding the flower well above the plant. Blooms have a lot of substance and keep well after cutting. Size 11x5.

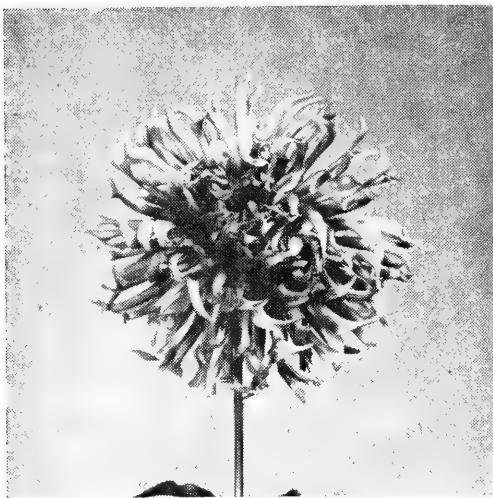
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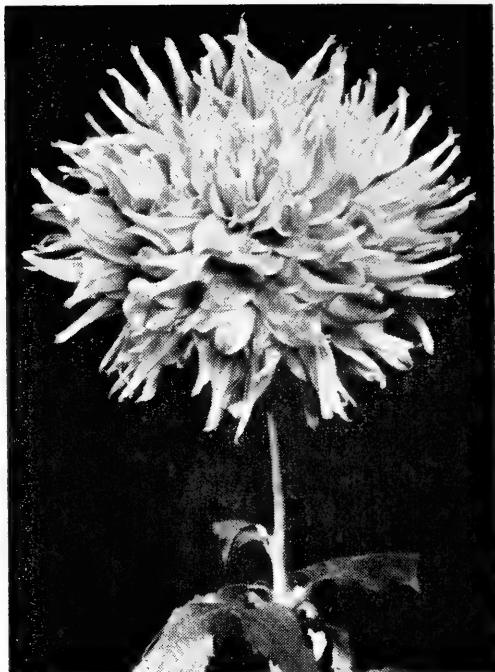
BERTHA SHONE



BLACK MONARCH



BORAM'S BEAUTY



CAPITOL CITY

BLENDETTE B-IC-LtBl (Rosemary) An incurved cactus of light primrose yellow, blending to light rose-red toward the tips of the petals. Long, wiry stems hold the blooms well above fairly tall plants. A distinct novelty. Size 7x3. Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

***BLIJHEID** B-StC-R An excellent, orange-red straight cactus on excellent stems; one of the best in its class. Useful for exhibition and as cut-flower. From Holland. Size 7x3. Root \$1.50

BLUE HORIZON A-ID-L (Franklin) Blooms are quite large with good depth. It is a very free bloomer. The color is described as French violet. Size 9x4. Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00

BORAM'S BEAUTY B-IC-Au (Boram-Rocky River) An autumn colored incurved cactus. Centers are light buff with the outer portion of the blooms a darker tan. Good formation and substance. Strong erect stems hold blooms side facing on tall, vigorous plants. Size 8x5. Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50

BRIDE'S BOUQUET A-FD-W (Baker-Ruschmohr) A white formal decorative with heavy substance, and good growing habits. A welcome addition to a strong class at the shows. Stems ten to twelve inches long and cane-like, holding the flower facing the side. Size 9x4. Root \$1.00

***BRIOSO** B-IC-Bi This brilliant bicolor is a great favorite with visitors here. Bright scarlet orange, tipped white. Ideal stems for exhibition or cutting. Size 6x3. Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00

***BROTHER JUSTINUS** B-SC-LtBl A Belgian variety of special merit as a cut flower, and it is also suitable for exhibition. Vivid orange with lighter centers. Excellent, long stems. Profuse bloomer. Size 7x3½. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

***BURNBRAE MEMORIES** A-ID-Y A very large Australia novelty, informal. The color is lemon yellow thruout. Size 10x5. Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

CALIFORNIA IDOL A-ID-Y (Ballay) A giant, clear yellow that can win in any class of competition. We consider it the easiest of the big exhibition yellows to grow. The flowers have great depth and are set facing, on exceptionally long stems. Size 10x6. **Root \$1.50**

CAPITOL CITY A-SC-L (Phillips-Rocky River) A large, lavender semi cactus, of good substance. Flowers have very good depth, and are mostly held facing the side on strong stems. Numerous petals give the flower a "full" appearance. Plants are free branching, and vigorous. Size 10x7. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

CARLETTA ROSA B-StC-LtBl (Rosemary) A straight cactus with tightly rolled petals. Center half of flowers are white with lavender on the outer portion. Long wiry stems hold flowers facing side and at forty five degree angle. Size 6x3. **Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50**

CARL G. DAHL A-ID-Au (Scott) A very large, well formed flower of an uncommon shading of emberglow, with a golden sheen overall and sweet briar reverse. Excellent stems hold the flowers facing the side. This is decidedly one for those who like their dahlias big. Size 12x6. **Root \$1.50**

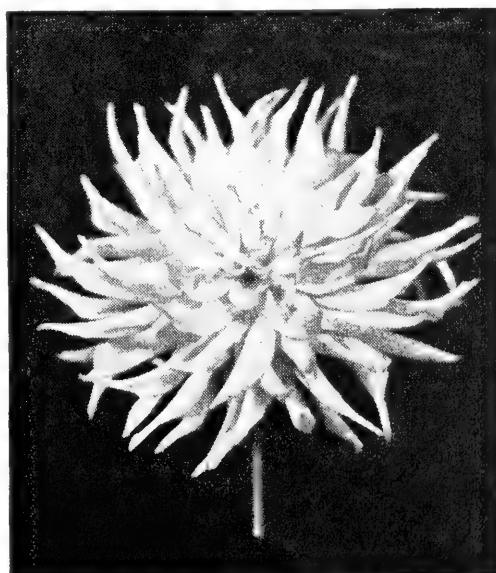
CARLISLE'S BEAUTY QUEEN A-SC-Lt Bl (Carlisle) An improved "Your Lucky Star," being a little brighter pink, and with more substance. Centers are almost pure white. Flowers face the side on strong stems. A dahlia which many overlooked at introduction, but which has become more popular with the years. Size 9x4½. **Root \$1.50**

CERAMIC BEAUTY A-FD-Dk R (Eccleston-Rocky River) An outstanding dark red formal. Early and prolific. Ideal stems hold the flower facing the side, or slightly up. Best when grown to no more than six canes. It was the winner of five American Home Achievement Medals the year previous to its introduction; more than any other variety that season. Size 9x5. **Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50**

CHEADLE PARK A-SC-Pr (Eccleston-Rocky River) This is one of the best purple semi cactus varieties. The color is a very dark reddish purple with lighter purple on the reverse. Blooms are well formed with good depth and well proportioned, stiff stems. The plants are upright growers with strong laterals. Size 9x4. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**



CERAMIC BEAUTY



CLARA HOOK

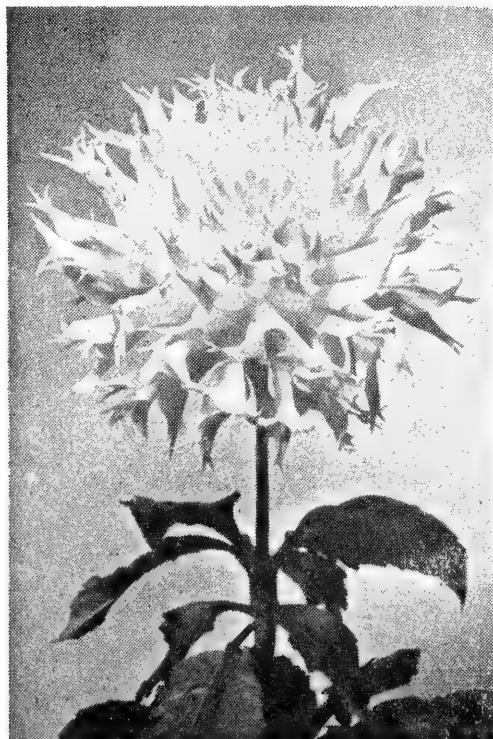
CHEROKEE BEAUTY A-ID-Pk (Ricks-Dahliadel) A large, well formed informal of a pleasing shade of begonia pink. The plants are vigorous growers and have distinctive foliage. Some early blooms may have stems a bit short. Size 10x5. **Root \$7.50, Plant \$2.50**

CHEROKEE BRAVE A-ID-DkR (Ricks-Dahliadel) Years of popularity of this big oxblood red have been justly deserved. The attractive red color is one which does not fade much in hot weather. It blooms quite early, is a good grower, and has all the requisits of a good exhibition variety. Size 10x5. **Root \$1.50**

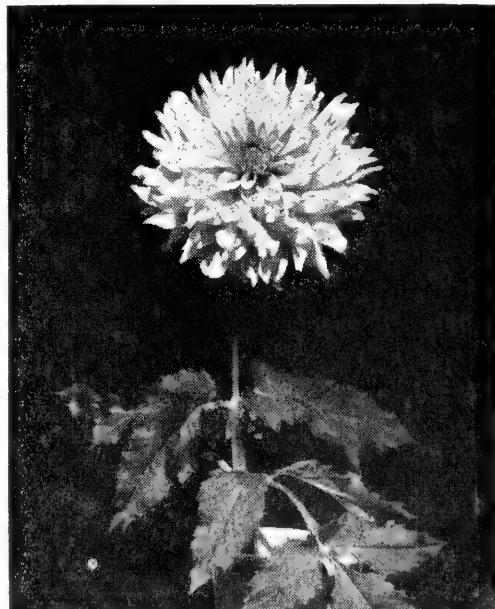
CLARA HOOK A-StC-Au (Wolbert-Rocky River) A large straight cactus of golden yellow, lightly suffused peach. Flowers have excellent substance. Stems are rigid. Plants tall with heavy, glossy, dark green foliage. Winner of the Derrill W. Hart Medal as a seedling; an award to the variety with the highest average score at three official American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds, all scores are required to be above 85. Size 10x5 **Root \$1.50**

CLARIAM B-FD-Lt Bl (Wolbert) A very pleasing and consistent variety in the garden. Medium sized blooms of light, bronzy buff overlaid begonia rose. Stems are long and rigid holding the bloom well out of the bush. Very early and free bloomer and also a good keeper when cut. Size 7x3. **Root \$1.00**

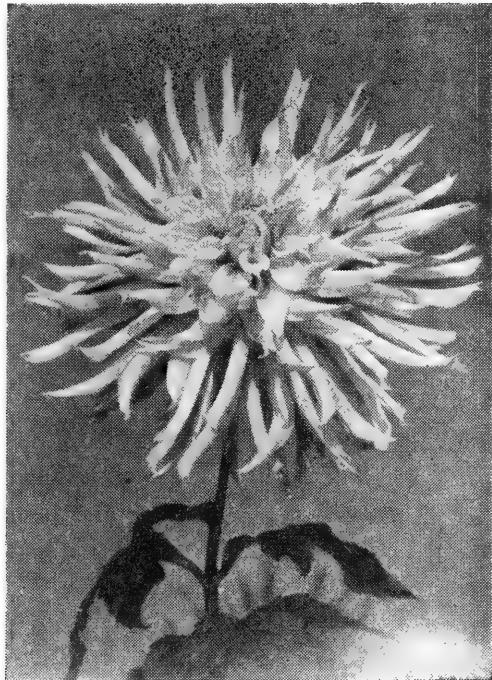
CLARIAM FANCY B-SC-Lt Bl (Wolbert-Rocky River) A semi cactus with broad laciniated petals of very good substance. The color is light yellow at the centers, shading deeper and suffused with rose on outer portions of the petals. Reverse has a deeper rose suffusion which shows on the twisting petals. Strong stems. Plants spreading in growth. Size 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x4. **Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00**



CLARIAM FANCY



CLARIAM FOREVER



CLARIAM GOLD



CLARIAM LURAY

CLARIAM FOREVER A-ID-Pk (Wolbert-Rocky River) It is seldom that a dahlia attracts as much attention for its color as this one does. A clear, delicate shade of pink, without a trace of magenta, so common in "pinks." The flowers face the side on stiff, well proportioned stems. Plants are strong growers with good foliage. Informal in type, with tight centers until frost. Size 10x5.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

CLARIAM GOLD A-StC-Au (Wolbert-Rocky River) A straight cactus of deep golden yellow. Blooms will average about ten inches in diameter. Good, stiff stems carry the flower facing the side. Flowers have good depth and good substance. We saw this as a first year seedling at which time we liked it immensely, and have continued liking it even better after having grown it. Size 10x5.

Root \$1.50

CLARIAM KELTON A-ID-F1 (Wolbert-Rocky River) Fairly large blooms of flame red blended with yellow and yellow reverse. Very showy in the garden and a consistent winner at shows. Plants are tall, open growers, producing an abundance of flowers on long, strong stems. Size 9x4.

Root \$1.50

CLARIAM LURAY B-FD-Pk (Wolbert-Slough-Rocky River) A seven to eight inch formal decorative with unusual depth, forming a ball-shaped flower. Full centered, it is a good type for exhibition. The color is a dark pink. Stems are well proportioned and strong, holding flowers facing the side. Size 7x4.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

CLARIAM ROYALTY A-StC-Pr (Wolbert-Rocky River) A large purple, straight cactus which has been grown 12x9. Reverse of the petals are lighter, showing at the center. A very full petaled flower which keeps well after cutting. Strong stems hold most of the blooms facing up. Plants are tall, open growers. It is almost unbeatable in its class, and will win many "best bloom" honors. Size 9½x6.

CLARIAM ROYALTY received the American Home Achievement Medal at seven shows in 1950.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

CLARIAM SPLENDOR A-IC-LtBl (Wolbert-Rocky River) A blend of pastel shades, light yellow centers, suffused light lilac-pink toward the outer portion of the petal, and with a deeper lilac line around the outside of each petal. An incurved cactus, easily grown ten to twelve inches in diameter. Good stems holding most flowers facing the side. The plants are good growers and very free branching. Size 10x5.

Root \$1.50

CLARIAM TIDE A-SC-Or (Wolbert-Rocky River) A bright reddish orange semi cactus. Stiff rod-like stems hold the blooms at an up-facing angle. Petals have enough substance so that blooms do not get a "bottom heavy" appearance in wet weather. Good color and formation of this one will draw the attention of visitors to your garden. Size 10x5.

Plant \$2.50

CLASS A-FD-Y (Salem) A light yellow formal decorative that is actually formal at all times. Thick, heavy petals are numerous and closely spaced forming a very compact flower. A variety that is easy to grow, and a good root producer. Ideal for the beginner. Size 10x4½.

Root \$1.50

COLLECTOR'S ITEM A-SC-F1 (Keck-Stephens) A strikingly colored blend of yellow, heavily overlaid flame red. Flowers have very good substance and keep well when cut. Strong growing plants produce full centered flowers until late in the season. Size 10x4½.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

COL. A. G. RUDD A-ID-Dk R (Greer) Rich carmine with deeper, mahogany red at the center. It is a real factor in the red classes. Strong, tall grower. Size 10x4.

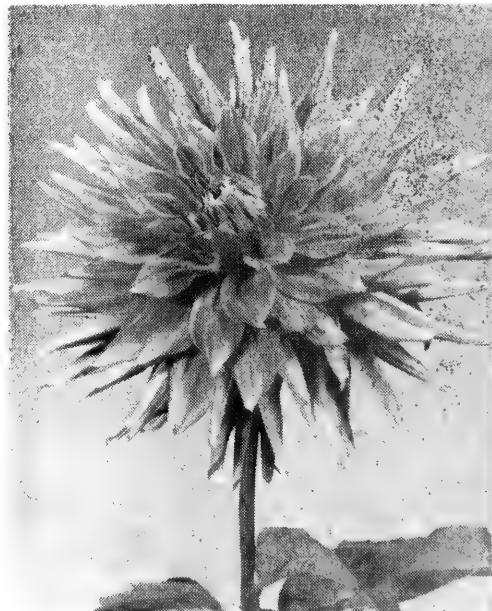
Root \$1.50

CONFIDENCE B-IC-Au (Phillips-Rocky River) A deep gold colored incurved cactus. Substance is good and blooms keep well when cut or on plant. Stems are well suited for florist's flower or exhibition. Size 6x3½.

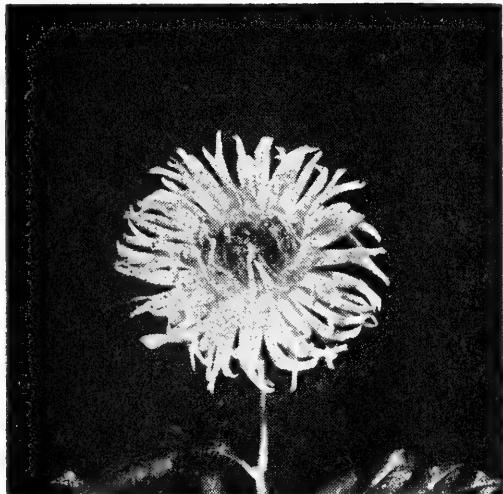
Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50



CLARIAM ROYALTY



CLARIAM TIDE



CONFIDENCE



CONNIE CASEY

CONNIE CASEY B-StC-Au (Rev. Engle-Rocky River) A medium size cactus with laciniated petals. The color is a light golden buff. A seedling of Miss San Diego, with many of the parent's characteristics, except color, which is autumn. Size 8x4. **Root \$1.00**

COSMOPOLITAN A-ID-F1 (Phillips-Rocky River) This Derrill W. Hart Medal winner for "A size" varieties has few faults, and can be depended upon for steady performance. The color is rose red, shading to gold and yellow on outer area of petals. The informal flowers are well formed, and full centered until the end. Stems are those of a good exhibition variety. Size 8x4 1/2. **Plant \$1.00**

***CROYDON MASTERPIECE** A-ID-Au This large, massive variety was an instant hit in this country when it first came here from Australia, and is destined to popularity for many years. The color is a deep shade of tan. High, full centered flowers are held facing up on strong stems. Size 11x6. **Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

CYMBIE A-SC-Pk (Brown) A large semi cactus of a pleasing shade of rose pink with a light salmon overcast. Early and profuse, it is always a bright spot in the garden. The full centered blooms have excellent depth and face the side, on good stems. Size 10x5. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

DAHLIAMUM A-ID-Au (Chemar) Among the larger varieties, this is such a strong grower that we recommend it for every beginner's garden. A deep flower of cadmium apricot with a golden sheen. Stems are strong, carrying the flowers on top. Profuse bloomer. A truly fine all-around dahlia. Size 10x5. **Root \$1.50**

***D'ARCY SAINBURY** A-FD-W This Australian variety is still one of the most popular of all white dahlias for exhibition, winning scores of awards throughout the country's leading shows each year. Its pure white color and free flowering habits make it a standout in the garden too. The flowers are fairly large, and have all the qualities of a good dahlia. Size 9x4. **Root \$1.00**

DEBUT A-FD-Y (Brown) A large yellow, broad petaled, formal decorative of good formation, and excellent growing habits. Blooms have exceptional depth and are held well above the rugged plants on long stems. The foliage of this variety is the broadest of all dahlia foliage. Size 9x5. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

DEEP ORANGE B-StC-Or (Haugh-Rocky River) A very solid little straight cactus. The persimmon orange blooms have very good substance, stems are stiff and strong. The five inch blooms have exceptional depth, often a full four inches. Blooms will face all angles except down. A desirable variety for cutflower work. Size 5x4. **Root \$5.00, Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00**

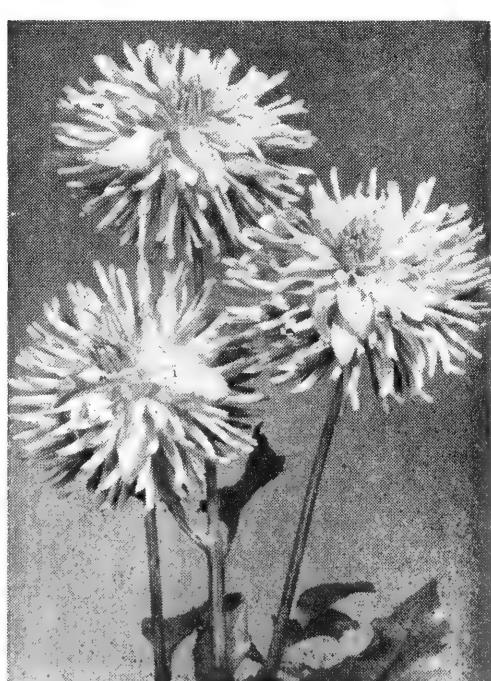
DEEP VELVET B-FD-Dk R (Baker-Ruschmohr) A formal decorative of dark carmine with an overlay of oxblood red. Petals have a deep velvety appearance. The all-around good qualities of this dahlia won for it, the Derrill W. Hart Medal for "B" size dahlias. Strong grower. Size 8x4. **Root \$1.50**

***DEUIL du ROI ALBERT B-FD-Bi** Pansy purple, tipped white, to a marked variable degree. Petals are rather narrow and long. Stems are slender and erect. Free flowering, Size 7x3½. **Root \$1.50**

DIXIE'S WINE DOT A-ID-Var (Hendricks) A variegated white, splashed with wine color. Blooms can be grown to twelve inches in diameter with corresponding depth. A strong grower. Size 11x5. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

DOREEN E. B-StC-Pr (Eccleston-Rocky River) A striking, deep reddish purple cactus. Face of the flower is red, the reverse purple which gives the flower its purple effect as petals quill. Petals are tightly rolled from base to tip, with tips deeply laciniated. Stems are nicely proportioned as to length and thickness. Size 8x4. **Root \$1.50**

DR. J. BEYER A-ID-Lt Bl (Zourk-Parrella) A blend of straw yellow and apricot, with deeper tones showing on the reverse of petals. Strong stems. Robust plants. Early and prolific bloomer. Size 10x5. **Plant \$2.00**



DEEP ORANGE

IMPORTED PRUNING SHEARS

We are able to supply fine imported pruning shears, manufactured in Solingen, Germany, the city famous for fine cutlery. Sturdily made of high grade tool steel, we have found them very durable, as well as most satisfactory for dividing dahlia clumps. Two cutting blades in contrast to the usual one of domestic shears, eliminates bruising of tissue next to the cut. Much faster and easier to use than knives, and cuts can be made nearly as close as with knives. Ideal for all pruning purposes and a gift sure to be treasured by any gardening friend. Price \$6.50 post paid. Sold with money back guarantee if not fully satisfied after seeing them.



DUET



DR. JOHN F. MORSE

DR. JOHN F. MORSE A-ID-Dk R (Olesen-Rocky River) A large, heavy textured, velvety dark red which does not fade in hot weather. The dark foliaged, sturdy plants have performed consistently well in it's native Iowa under conditions not conducive to best results. In addition to being a variety that will do well under adverse conditions, it can also be "forced" without detriment to the stems or blooms. Size 10x5.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

DUET B-FD-Bi (Scott-Rocky River) We consider this the best all-around bicolor we have grown. The color is a very dark red with the outer quarter of the petals tipped white, and very consistent in the amount of white. From a distance the flower appears to be black and white. Stems are very rigid and unbending at all times. Excellent dark foliage. Size 8x4.

Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50

EASTERN STAR A-SC-W (Pape) One of the finest originations of the late Charles F. Pape, a foremost hybridizer. The large, well formed blooms are held above the plants on very good stems. Blooms face the side, and have excellent substance. It is worthy of a place in any garden. Size 10x5.

Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.00

EDGAR A. GUEST B-SC-Y (Koenig) A well formed flower of sulphur yellow. Medium sized blooms are carried well above the bushes on good stems. Early and profuse. Size 8x4½.

Root \$1.50

EDNA D. A-StC-R (Diffenderffer-Loller-Rocky River) A huge straight cactus of bright rose red, which has been grown fourteen inches in diameter. A strong, tall grower with heavy, dark green, foliage. Stems are good. Petals broad and not too tightly rolled. Very impressive in the garden and on the show tables. Size 11x5.

Plant \$1.50

EMPIRE STATE A-SC-LtBl (Warren-Ruschmohr) A large massive flower of canary yellow, marigold orange, and light rose. Well proportioned, strong stems hold blooms facing the side. A strong grower, producing well. Size 11x5.

Plant \$1.50



ESQUIRE



FIGARO

ENGLE'S WHITE CHIEF A-FD-W (Engle) This introduction was one of the best performers of the past season in our fields. Large blooms up to twelve inches with heavy, waxy, pure white petals. While some stems are a trifle short, most are of suitable length for exhibition purposes. Plants are strong growers with heavy glossy foliage. Size 10x4½. **Root \$1.00**

ESQUIRE A-ID-Pr (Martin-Rocky River) This is one of the largest "purples" grown, often attaining a diameter of twelve inches, or more. The color is true purple. Blooms face side on good stems. Plants are low growing but very robust. Size 11x5. **Root \$3.00, Plant \$1.50**

FAIRY QUEEN B-CS-W (LaMotte-Rocky River) An extremely early and profuse bloomer of purest white, whiter even than our great WIND-LASSIE. Very good substance indicates its good keeping qualities. Well proportioned stems hold flowers facing side. Plants are freely branching and slightly below medium height. Size 5x3. **Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50**

FAITHFUL A-SC-W (Dahliadel) A fairly large, wide petaled, semi cactus white that is easy to grow. Plants are robust with glossy green foliage and fairly tall. Well proportioned stems. Size 9x4½. **Root \$1.00**

FARNGOT B-IC-Bi An old-timer, which is still one of the best in the bi-color cactus classes. The color is a deep purple, with the outer one-third of the petals tipped pure white. Like most bi-colors it will produce some solid colored flowers. Size 6x3. **Root \$1.00**

FASHION HOUR A-IC-Pr (Roberts-Ruschmohr) A striking incurved cactus of cyclamen purple. The large blooms have good substance and hold their form well. Stems are nicely proportioned. Size 9x5. **Plant \$1.50**

***FIGARO** A-SC-Var The color is a golden-yellow, flecked and streaked red. The flowers are very large, and most striking in appearance. Stems and plant growth are excellent. A superb exhibition flower which is outstanding in the bi-color classes. Size 11x5. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

FIREGLEAM B-StC-LtBl (Johnson) An attractive straight cactus of good quality. Its color is a blend of orange, nasturtium red, and canary yellow. Flowers face side on stems twelve to fifteen inches in length. Size 7x3. **Root \$1.50**

FIRST LADY B-FD-Y (Comstock) A medium size formal decorative of Dresden yellow. Blooms $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with numerous petals which roll completely back to the stem, giving the bloom unusual depth. Early and prolific with great uniformity of quality. Size $7\frac{1}{2}\times 4\frac{1}{2}$. **Plant \$2.50**

FIVE STAR GENERAL A-FD-LtBl (Ramage-Ruschmohr) One of the largest formal decoratives. The color is two or three shades of pink blended with maize yellow. Long strong stems. Good grower. Size 11x5. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

FLAMING SUNSET B-SC-Or (Northbrook) A medium sized flower with very good substance, giving the flower a "trim" appearance. Stems are ideal, holding the blooms side facing. The color is an attractive, soft orange-flame, general effect is light tan. Size $8\times 3\frac{1}{2}$. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

FLORENCE CHADWICK B-StC-W (Comstock) We consider this fine white cactus one of the best of its' type. Tips of the petals are lightly flushed lavender, and with the lavender more pronounced at the centers. Flowers have excellent substance, fine formation, and very good depth. Stems are in keeping with the blooms. Plants are strong growers, producing an abundance of flowers. Size 7x4. **Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50**

FLYING SAUCER A-SC-LtBl (Clapp-Tilton) A large, light blend, semi cactus, lavender with white center; was a Derrill W. Hart Medal winner as a seedling. Blooms have good stems, and very good substance. The strong plants are consistent producers of quality blooms. Size 10x5. **Plant \$2.00**

FORMALITY A-ID-LtBl (Olesen-Rocky River) It gets its name from the very formal appearance of the flower and plant. A peculiar shade of pink suffused autumn, which we have called a smoky pink. Flowers have thick petals, rolling back to give the bloom good depth. Plants are very strong, with dark, glossy foliage which has a bronzy sheen. Size $9\frac{1}{2}\times 5$. **Root \$1.00**



FORMALITY



FAIRY QUEEN

FORMOSA A-FD-Pk (Salem) The blooms are fairly large, and the color is a very clean, attractive amaranth pink, shading to Tyrian pink. It is a bright flower on strong stems, and the bushes are rugged. Size 9x4.

Plant \$1.00

FRIEDA GAYLORD A-ID-Pk (Ballay) A magnificent dahlia of remarkable size. The color is an attractive rosy pink lightly flushed gold, and with the gold more pronounced at the centers. Stems are very good, holding the flowers facing the side. We regard it as the largest of the "pinks" having been grown fifteen inches in diameter. Size 11x5½.

Plant \$1.50

FRIENDSHIP B-StC-L (Pennypack) A well formed, straight cactus of clear lavender. Very good stems hold flowers facing slightly up. A good grower and prolific bloomer. Size 7x3.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

***GERRIE HOEK** B-FD-Pk This is a "darling" of the flower arrangers and a superior cut flower variety. The clear pink, waterlily-type flowers are borne in profusion on excellent stems. Size 5x2.

Root \$1.00

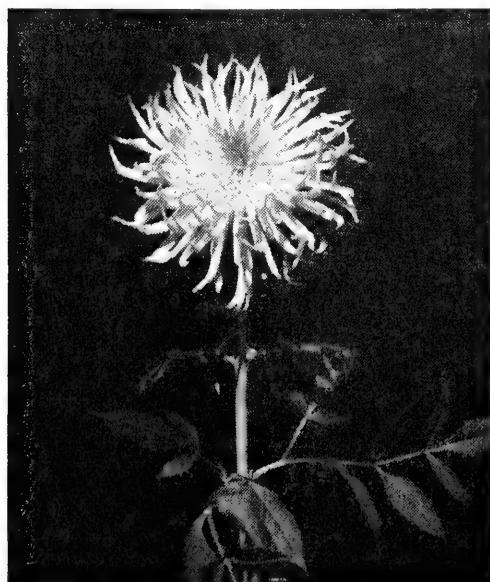
GLAMOUR A-ID-Pr (Salem) Everything about the flower suggests size and vigor. It is a variety which anyone seems to be able to grow well, under almost all conditions. The very large flowers are an unusual shade of light purple with each petal edged amaranth pink. The petals roll well back giving the flower extreme depth. Size 12x7.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

***GLORIE VAN HEEMSTEDE** B-FD-Y An attractive yellow formal decorative, with somewhat the petal formation of the popular Gerrie Hoek. The petals are a trifle more numerous than those of the latter, and it may be a trifle larger. Excellent as a cutflower, and for arrangements. Size 5½x2¼.

Plant \$1.00

GOLD COIN A-IC-Au (Pape-Rocky River) A fine, gold incurved cactus that rates with other originations of this famous originator of Mrs. Hester A. Pape, Virginia B. Taggart, and Black Monarch. The large blooms have tightly rolled petals which have a decided tendency to angle sharply sidewise, when properly "finished." Very good substance, and a good keeper. Size 9½x5. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

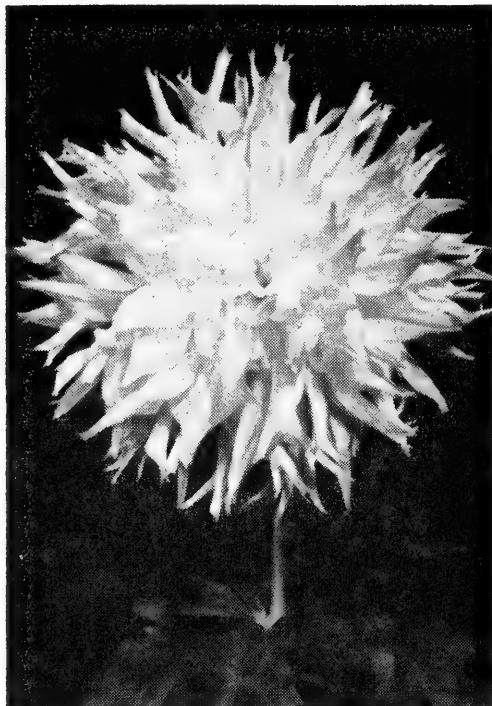


GOLD COIN

PLANT SHIPMENTS

Plant shipments are subject to so many conditions (see page 2) that no assurance can be given that plants will be shipped at a specified time. State the time you would like shipment. Shipment will be made as near that time as possible.

Do not ask for shipment in March or early April. The best time is mid-May to June 1st when our production is at its peak, and plants at their best. Pot roots and roots can be shipped any time, and usually right on schedule.



GOLDEN HALO



GOLDEN TREASURE

GOLDEN HALO B-CS-Y (Wolfe-Rocky River) An eight inch golden yellow semi cactus with proportionate depth. Good stems hold flowers facing slightly up. Plants are quite tall with lots of nice dark green foliage. An abundant producer of exhibition quality blooms, and a plant that is a credit to the garden. It is also a good root-maker. Size 8x4½. **Root \$5.00, Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00**

GOLDEN SHEEN A-SC-Au (Lasch-Ruschmohr) Autumn shade of Indian yellow and scarlet. Reverse lined red. Broad petals are revolute to points and have a bronzy sheen. Ten inch stems hold large blooms mostly at a forty five degree angle. Size 10x5. **Plant \$3.50**

GOLDEN TREASURE B-FD-Au (La Motte-Rocky River) A real standout, and a dahlia we are proud to list as one of our introductions. The general color effect of this excellently formed flower is gold, a color greatly in demand by our Cleveland florists. It is a good keeper when cut, has a nice stem, and is a very free and early bloomer. Ideal for cutting or exhibition. Plants are extremely rugged, with heavy foliage. Size 8x4. **Root \$1.00**

GRACE WARFIELD A-SC-LtBl (Diffenderffer-Loller-Rocky River) A nine to ten inch semi cactus of chrome yellow, lightly suffused apricot at outer tips. Petals are narrow, deeply laciniated and twist in all directions, giving the blooms a shaggy appearance. Good stems hold flowers facing side. Plants are vigorous, producing many blooms throughout the season. Size 9x4½. **Plant \$1.50**

***GRAF FOLKE BERNADOTTE** A-SC-W This large white semi cactus from Germany is one of the best ever to come from there. Blooms have good substance, stems are long and strong, and the plants are vigorous. Size 9x4½. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

GREATER GLORY A-SC-LtBl (Salem) A very large semi cactus of rose pink, shading lighter. Excellent formation and a consistent winner at strong shows. Plants are tall, strong growers, producing an abundance of flowers thruout a long season. One of the best of it's type. Size 9½x4½. Root \$1.50

GREAT LAKES A-ID-W (Marsh-Rocky River) An early, white informal with a demonstrated ability to win at the best shows. It is an easy to grow variety, which blooms early and profusely, holding full centers until frost. Clean, stiff stems hold the flowers well above the tall plants. An open grower with slender canes. Size 10x5. Plant \$1.00

GROUCHO MARX A-SC-W (Comstock) Ivory white, semi cactus of large size. Broad petals are revolute for nearly half their length, to fine points. Stiff, strong stems hold most blooms facing at forty five degree angle. Rugged plants. Size 11x6.

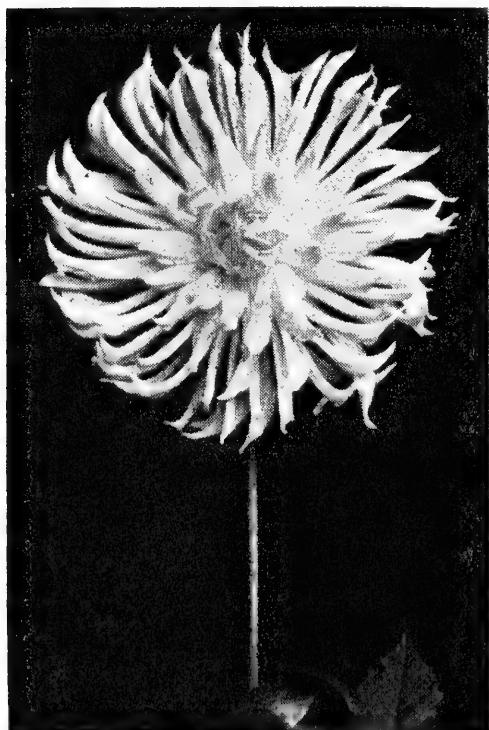
Root \$10.00, Pot Root \$6.75, Plant \$3.50

GYPSY GIRL B-FD-Var (Parrella) An odd and striking color combination of rosaline pink, flecked and streaked dahlia purple. This introduction was the winner of the Leonard Barron Trophy as best cut flower variety in it's pre-introductory year. Fine stems and a good keeper. It can win in the best show competition. Size 5x2½. Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00

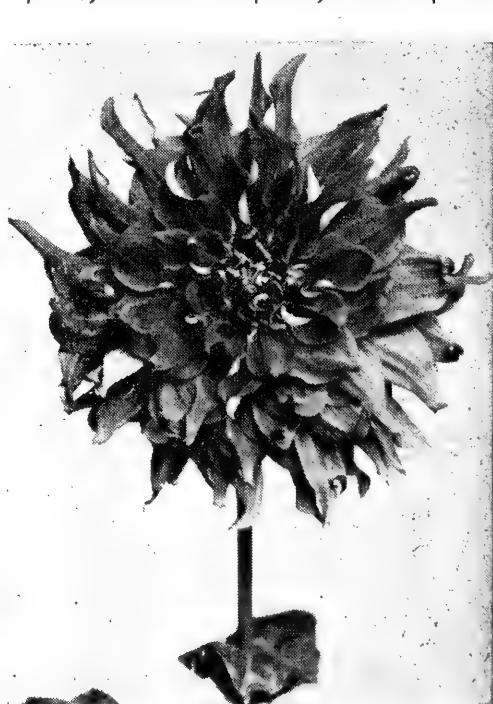
HARMONY B-IC-Pk (Wolfe-Rocky River) A camellia rose pink, incurved cactus. Petals have a tendency to twist sidewise at the tips. Strong, rigid stems hold blooms well above tall, strong growing plants. Very good substance enhances it's value for exhibition purposes and for decorative work. Size 8x4. Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

HARRY A. BEALS A-ID-Pr (Beals-Boyle-Rocky River) A large, rugged flower on a rugged plant. The color is dark red, or purplish red, with reverse of the petals streaked silver which also shows at the center of the blooms. Excellent substance. Stems are strong and of varying length; better when forced. Size 10x5.

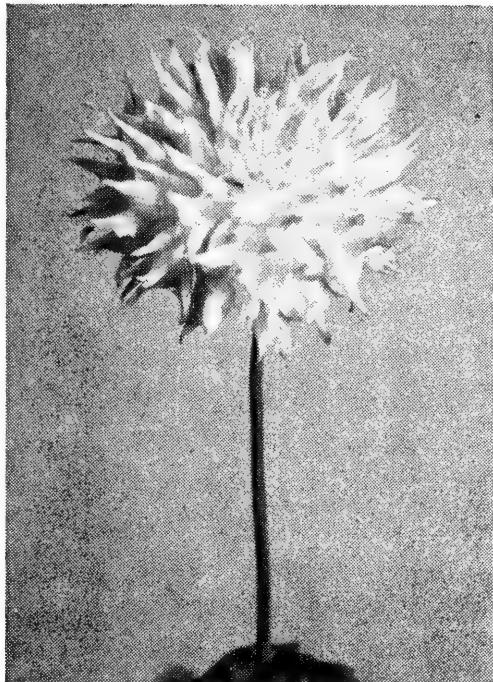
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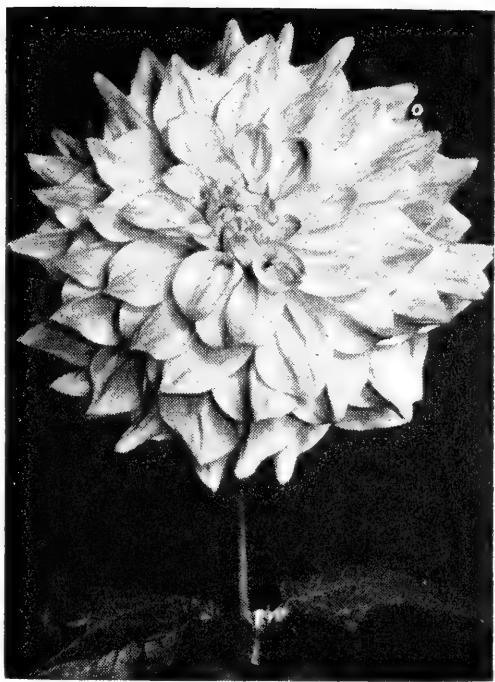
HARMONY



HARRY A. BEALS



HIAWATHA



HOBO

HEADLIGHT A-SC-Au (Brown) A large golden-yellow with a peach suffusion on the reverse of the petals which roll, showing the reverse color. A "fluffy" appearing flower on good stems. Fairly tall grower. Size 10x5. **Root \$1.50**

HEAVENLY WHITE A-FD-W (Scott) A fairly large white, with good depth of bloom. Stems are well proportioned, and the plants are rugged growers. Size 9x5. **Root \$1.50**

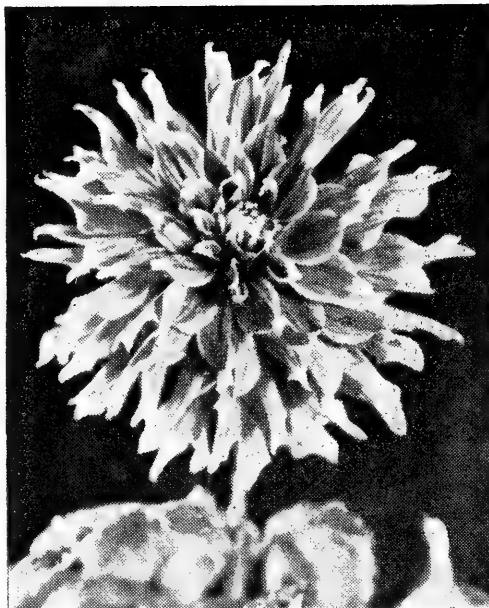
***HELEN BRETT** B-StC-Or An extremely attractive color of glistening, golden orange. Flowers of near perfection at all times. Good substance spells good keeping qualities when cut. Ideal stems. A very useful multi-purpose variety. Size 5x3. **Plant \$1.50**

HIAWATHA A-SC-Y (Devney-Rocky River) Clear buttercup yellow on very long stems. Petals are pointed and twisting. Good substance, the flower holding its form nicely on the plant or after cutting. Plants are tall and are good growers. Does best if not overfed. Size 9x5. **Plant \$1.00**

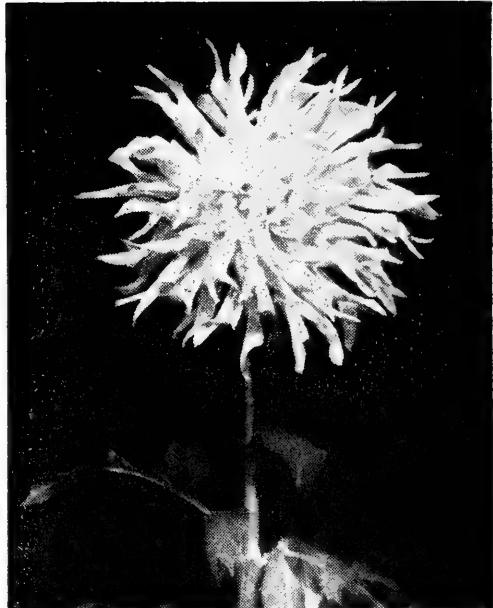
HOBO A-FD-LtBl (Rocky River) A large formal with an unusual color combination; white with the outer third of each petal suffused deep lavender. The effect is that of a bi-color, but with the colors reversed. Thick, waxy petals hold up well even in bad weather. Foliage is dark green, and glossy. Under field culture, our early blooms have had some short stems, but later blooms have had much better proportioned stems. Very popular with visitors here. Size 10x5. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

HONEY BEAR (Dahliadel) A-ID-Au. A pleasing shade of saffron yellow with orange suffusion, darkening toward the centers. Well formed flowers of good substance keep well when cut or on the plant. It's early and a good bloomer for a large variety. Size 10x5. **Plant \$3.50**

HOOSIER MARVEL A-SC-Y (Wolfe) One of the very largest. The color is about the same shade of yellow as Lord of Autumn. Blooms have great depth. Plants are strong growers and free branching. Should be planted early for early shows. Size 11x6: **Root \$1.50**



JANE LAUSCHE



JAUNE LA BELLE

JANE LAUSCHE A-SC-Bi (Rocky River) A new color combination in a large dahlia. Rosy mauve with about one-third of each petal tipped white. Just about all the superlatives in the dictionary have been used to describe it. Winner of many "largest bloom" and "most perfect bloom" awards. The plants are open, fast growers and produce blooms early, and in profusion until frost. A standout in the semi cactus bi-color class. Size 10x6. **Root \$1.50**

JAUNE LA BELLE A-StC-Y (Dr. Barber-Rocky River) Here is one which can be grown twelve inches in diameter without great effort. The color is a deep shade of lemon yellow. Flower has good substance and can be grown to exhibition perfection. Well proportioned stems hold flowers facing the side. Tall grower. Size 11x5½. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

JERSEY BEAUTY B-FD-Pk (Waite) The most universally grown dahlia of the present. Eosine pink, of medium size. Our stock of this is exceptionally fine. Size 7x4. **Root \$1.00**

JERSEY DAINTY B-StC-W (Waite) Still a top-notcher after many years. A really good white cactus. Size 7x4. **Root \$1.00**

***JUANITA** B-StC-DkR One of the finest dark red cactus. Nicely formed blooms with excellent substance, good stems, and high productivity enhance its value as a garden flower, in addition to its superior qualities as an exhibition sort. Plants are reliable growers, and it is a good root producer. Size 7½x4. **Root \$1.50**

JUDY G. B-C-DkBl (Geer) A striking combination of rich ox-blood red with shadings of orange and orange-red. Well formed flowers held facing, on good stems. Size 7½x4. **Root \$1.50**

JULIA McKAMEY A-ID-Pk (McKamey-Hulin) A large, clear pink, with very good depth, held facing side on good stems. A good producer and a splendid keeper. Size 10x6. **Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50**

***KELVIN** A-ID-Pk One of the greatest dahlias to come out of Australia. Blooms are large and massive, held facing up on strong stems. The color is buff heavily suffused carmine rose, giving a general color effect of peach pink. Strong plants with exceptionally coarse, broad foliage. Size 10½x6. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

***KELVIN FLOODLIGHT A-FD-Y.** A big, massive yellow formal without the coarseness commonly associated with massive varieties. Somewhat on the order of Kelvin but petals have better substance. Stem is strong and nicely proportioned, holding most blooms at forty five degree angle, or slightly up. Excellent habits of growth. Size 11x6.

Plant \$5.00

KENTUCKY SPORTSMAN A-ID-Bi (White) An unusual color combination of three distinct colors. Lemon yellow at the center, outer petals are golden amber tipped white, and with an old rose reverse. Fairly large flowers of good exhibition qualities. Size 9½x4. Root \$1.50

***KIDD'S CLIMAX A-FD-LtBl** Large ball-shaped flowers, cream overlaid pink and heliotrope. Long, strong stems hold flowers well above the foliage. It ranks with the best of the many fine varieties from New Zealand. Size 10x6. Root \$2.00, Pot Root, \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

KING SIZE A-StC-R (Johnson) A very good, large cactus of spectrum red on ideal stems. A fine producer of numerous exhibition quality blooms, starting early in the season. Size 9x 4½.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root. \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

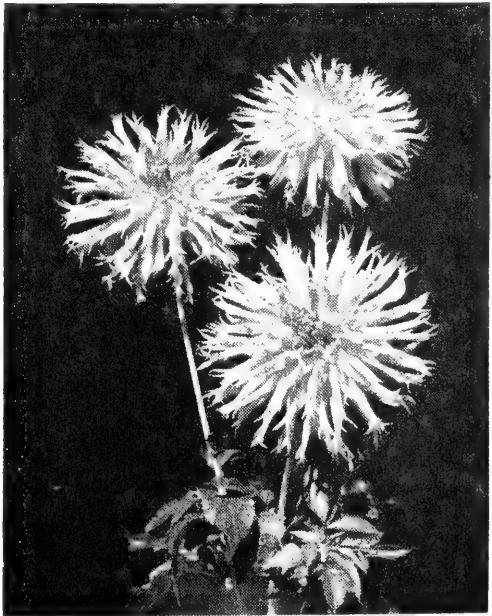
KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD A-FD-Au (Brown-Rocky River) Outstanding in the garden, producing large, fine blooms very early, and continuously throughout the season. Plants are tall with flowers held well above heavy, glossy green foliage. The color is rich gold suffused lightly with apricot. Size 9½x4½. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

LADY ALICE B-StC-Au (Kriel-Rocky River) A medium size straight cactus with deeply laciniated petals. Nearly perfect stems hold the blooms mostly side facing, and well above tall, strong growing plants. The color is deep glowing bronze with a metallic sheen. Early and profuse bloomer. Substance is fair. Centers are inclined to open a bit too early under unfavorable conditions of growth, but it is nearly always possible to cut fine exhibition blooms. Size 8x4.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00



KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD

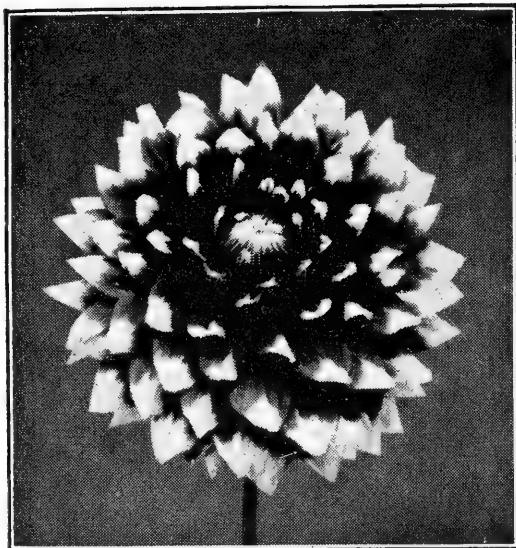


LADY ALICE

KODACHROME SLIDES

35-mm kodachrome slides of our 1957 introductions are available to interested groups. We can also supply sets of about forty slides of

recent and standard varieties, along with related scenes, arrangements, etc. There is no charge to responsible groups but bookings are subject to prior call upon them.



LOIS WALCHER



LAURA B.

LAURA B. B-SC-Lt Bl (Trauth-Rocky River) For sheer beauty, this is one of the leaders in this list. Base of the petals is deep golden yellow blending to a rich strawberry red on the outer nine tenths of the laciniated petals. Petals have excellent substance and the flowers keep very well when cut. Stiff stems of ideal proportions hold most of the blooms at a forty-five degree angle. An easy to grow variety with attractive leathery foliage. Size 8x6.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

LINK'S BLUE TRIUMPH A-FD-L (Link-Premier) An improved Blue River; slightly larger and with better foliage. Color is lavender-purple. Good stiff stems. A consistent winner in its class. Size 9x4.

Root \$1.50

LINK'S SENSATION A-CS-F1 (Link-Premier) A large deep flower of a mixture of buff and scarlet, blending to appear orange. Reverse is bittersweet-orange which shows on the face of the flower as the petals twist. Good, strong stems. Free bloomer. Foliage is leathery and insect resistant. Size 9½x5.

Root \$1.50

LOIS WALCHER B-FD-Bi (Walcher) Flowers are of medium size, true pansy purple, evenly tipped with white. We recommend this one be given good cultural methods for the best results. Plants are low to medium in height, with dark green foliage. Stems are long. Size 7x4.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

LORD OF AUTUMN A-ID-Y (Almy) One of the greatest of the great. The clear yellow flowers have exceptional depth. Although it is regarded as a bit temperamental in its growing habits, we believe that everyone interested in the large ones should try it. Our stock has produced many winners. Size 10x6.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

LUCKY B-StC-R (Schutte) A bright red cactus. Ideal for cut-flower work or exhibition. Blooms are held facing on stiff wiry stems. Starts blooming very early and continues to produce freely throughout the season. Size 4x7.

Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00

Luzon B-StC-L (Retzer) Medium size blooms of a clear, attractive shade of lavender. Stiff, erect stems hold blooms facing the side. Prolific bloomer. A strong grower. Size 7x4. **Root \$1.50**

***LYNETTE HAWTON** A-FD-LtBl. A blend of pastel shades of pink, lavender and a touch of ivory. Well formed blooms on good stems. Good exhibition variety. Size 9x4. **Plant \$2.00**

LYNN FONTANNE A-SC-R (Lee-Parrella) One of the very largest. The color is spectrum red with shades of carmine toward the tips and with chrome yellow petaloids throughout the flower. A strong grower and a good keeper when cut. Blooms face the side on strong stems. Size 11x7. **Root \$1.50**

MADONNA A-ID-W (Sarett-Ruschmohr) A large white flower with very good depth. The massive blooms are held facing up, or at a forty-five degree angle, on strong stems. Madonna established an outstanding record before being introduced, and should continue its winnings for years to come. Strong bushes of wide spreading growth. Size 10½x6. **Root \$1.50**

***MAFFIE** A-SC-R A very highly regarded dahlia. The color is an intense, bright red. Tall, open grower. Size 11x6. **Plant \$1.00**

***MAGIC SUN** B-SC-LtBl This is one to grow for "most perfect bloom" classes; a very prim flower. Primrose at centers, shading darker towards outer edges and suffused light orange and rose. Excellent stems. Early and profuse blooms, of good substance, enhance its value as a cutflower. Size 6x3. **Root \$1.00**

***MAGNETIC** B-StC-Y (Johnson-Dahliadel) Brilliant primrose yellow, straight cactus of excellent formation. This Australian variety is an early and profuse bloomer. Stems are strong and slender, holding the flowers facing the side. Size 7½x3½. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

MAGNIFICENT A-SC-Au (Crystal) A blend of light orange and orange chrome, the general effect being golden orange. This is a midsummer bloomer, and a strong grower. Stems are inclined to be short, especially in our fields. Size 11x5. **Root \$1.00**

MARGARET DUROSS A-ID-LtBl (Fuchs-Parrella) A large informal decorative of yellow flushed scarlet, general effect being almost an orange. Cane-like stems hold blooms facing side. Plants are vigorous and productive of good blooms early and late. Size 10x5. **Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00**

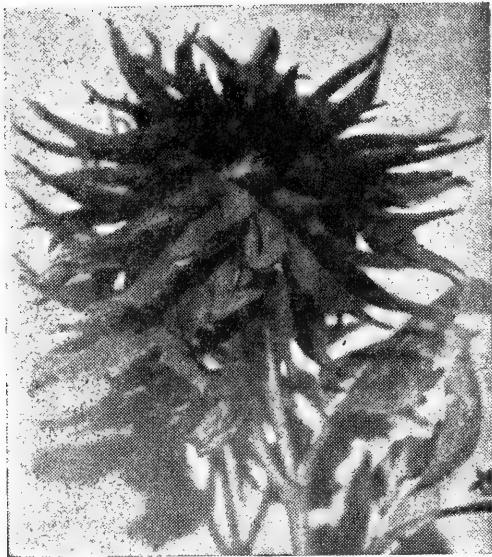
MARION GLENN B-SC-Pr (Miller-Dahliadel) A nicely formed purple semi cactus with laciniated petals. Wiry stems hold flowers facing side. Early and profuse. Size 7x3. **Root \$1.50**

MARVELOUS B-StC-Pk (Rosemary) An excellent rose pink cactus on good, stiff stems. Early and prolific. Size 8x4. **Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50**

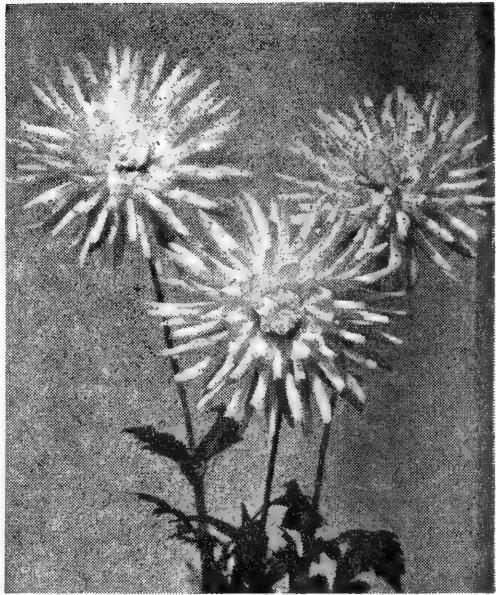
MARY ELIZABETH A-ID-R (Robens) A very large, deep flower of dark turkey red, lightly suffused yellow on edge of the petals. Plants are good growers with dark green foliage. Stems are inclined to be a bit short. Improved by growing to four canes. Size 11x6. **Root \$5.00, Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00**

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF OHIO SHOW

The twenty eighth annual show of the Dahlia Society of Ohio will be held in one of the country's finest settings, for a dahlia show, the Higbee Auditorium in the heart of downtown Cleveland. Plan to visit this fine show, Sept. 16th and 17th.



MARY JO



MAUDE CRAWFORD

MARY JO A-C-DkR (Beals-Boyle-Rocky River) One of the richest red colors in our list. A medium, dark red with a velvety sheen. Petals have very good substance, the plants are good growers, and it is a dahlia that every visitor to the garden stops to see. Stems are very strong and rigid, although at times a bit short on first blooms, holding the flowers facing the side. Size 10x5.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

MARY NOBLE A-FD-L One of the best of its color and type. Phlox pink to bright mauve. Blooms have size, depth and good quality. Plants vigorous. Size 10x6.

Root \$1.50

MARYLAND BEAUTY B-SC-LtBl (Phillips-Rocky River) A very prim semi cactus of light autumn shades. The seven to eight inch blooms are usually side facing on excellent stems, and held well above strong growing plants. An excellent variety for exhibition as the substance is in keeping with the well formed blooms. Size 7x4.

Root, \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

MAUDE CRAWFORD B-StC-Y (Haugh-Rocky River) This yellow cactus has been the best yellow, of that type, for our cut-flower trade. It is very early and blooms profusely. Stems and laterals are ideal for cutting. The well formed flowers keep very well, and the color is an attractive lemon yellow. The fern-like foliage adds to the value of this variety as a cut flower. General quality is adequate to insure a share of winnings on the show tables. Size 5x3.

Root, \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

MAUREEN CONNOLLY B-FD-Y (Comstock). A well formed flower of sulphur yellow. Petals roll back to the stem forming ball-shape blooms, which are held side facing on good stems. Size 6x3.

Root, \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

MICHIGAN WHITE B-SC-W (Keiser) One of the very best of the white cut-flowers dahlias. The well formed flowers seem to "pop" out over night on long, strong stems. Substance of the flower is excellent, the flower keeping well when cut. Size 6x3.

Root \$1.00

MISS PHYLLIS VOHLAND A-SC-Or (Clarksburg) A nicely formed semi cactus, which is particularly outstanding for its brilliant and attractive color of tangerine orange. Good stems hold flowers facing the side. Size 10x5.

Plant \$2.00

***MISS ROSE FLETCHER** B-SC-Pk A dainty, soft pink semi cactus of excellent form and substance. It is an early, free bloomer and holds centers well. The small flowers are ideal for arrangements and other cut flower work as well as for exhibition. Size 5x3. **Root \$1.50**

MISS WISCONSIN B-StC-Y (Dahlia Society of Wisconsin-Rocky River) A medium size cactus of light yellow with laciniated petals. The tall plants are covered with blooms from early until late. A good garden variety. Size 8x4. **Plant \$1.50**

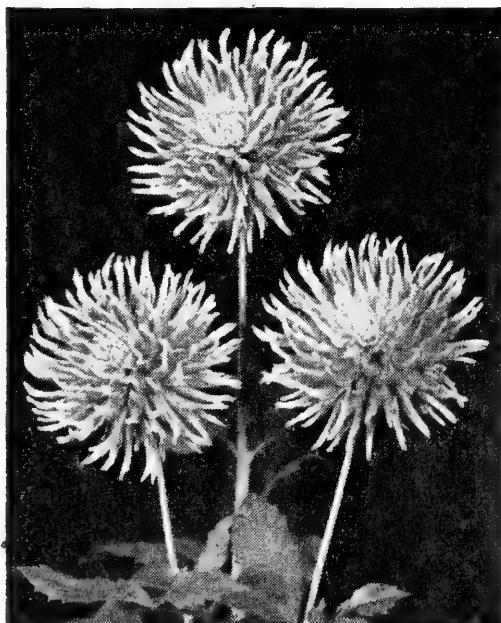
***MME ELIZABETH SAWYER** B-StC-Pk A Holland variety of rose pink. The nicely formed flowers, on long slender stems, are a strong factor on the exhibition tables. Size 8x3½. **Root \$1.50**

MOM'S PRIDE B-SC-Pk (Morgan-Parrella) A stately medium size semi cactus of lively luminous coral. Perfection of blooms is a notable characteristic of this variety, and the stems are ideal, holding flowers facing at a forty five degree angle. Size 7½x4. **Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50**

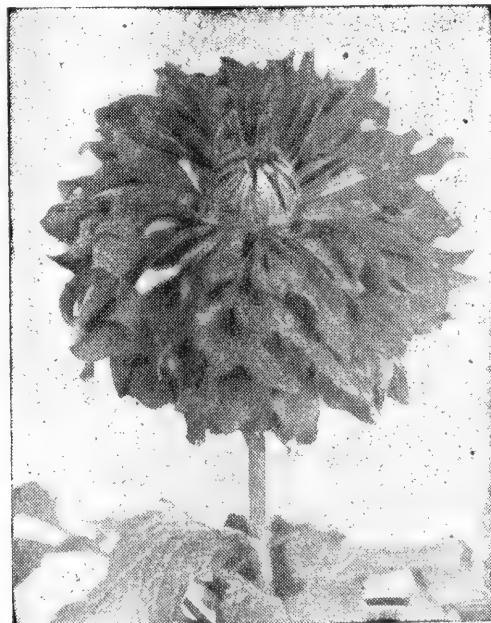
***MOTHER BALLEGO** B-StC-R One of the best from Holland. Bright scarlet blooms with tightly rolled tips that twist sidewise, giving the flower a distinctive appearance. Good stems and substance. Size 8x4. **Plant \$1.00**

MRS. E. J. B-StC-LtBl (Rocky River) A bright rose pink cactus with white centers, and lightly tipped white; the white softening the general effect. Winner of the Derrill W. Hart Medal as a seedling with the highest average score of any of the many Certificate of Merit varieties we have introduced. Early and prolific, and with extremely good substance, it has proven its worth as a leading cut flower sort, as well as for exhibition. Size 7x4. **Root \$1.00**

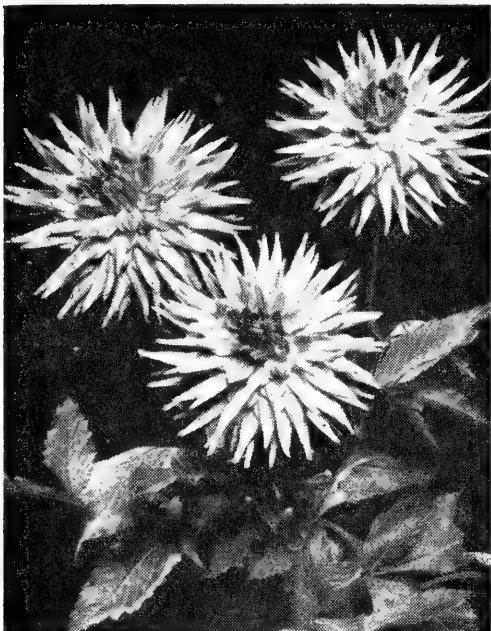
MRS. HESTER A. PAPE A-ID-Dr R (Pape-Rocky River) Another of our introductions that scored heavily in many shows thruout the country. The color is one which is usually referred to as red, actually a reddish purple. It is a dahlia anyone can grow and grow well, and it is a dahlia which will stand "forcing." A real delight to the exhibitor. Size 10x5. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**



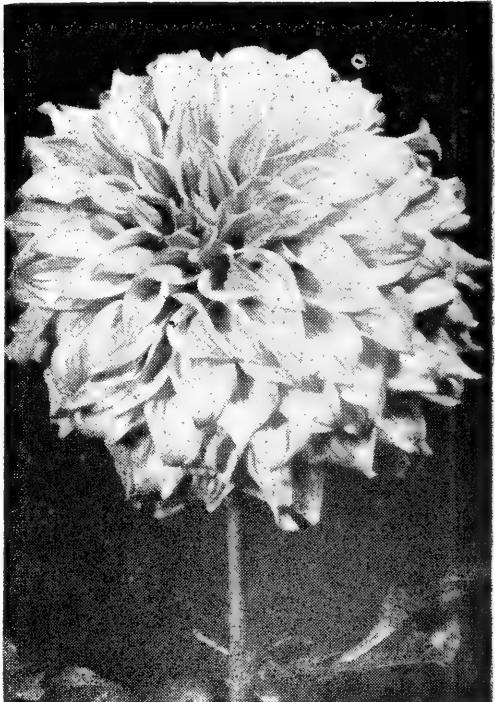
MRS. E. J.



MRS. HESTER A. PAPE



NAY AUG



NEW WRINKLE

MRS. HOWARD C. PHILLIPS A-ID-W (Asther) Fairly large flowers of delicate creamy white, nicely formed, on good stems. Blooms very early and freely. A robust grower with glossy green foliage. Size 10x5. Plant \$1.00

MRS. MINNIE RING B-IC-LtBl (Far West) Long, narrow petals twist and curl to form a chrysanthemum-shaped flower. The outer petals are apple-blossom pink; inner petals a pale yellow. Size 7x4.

Root \$1.50

***MURIEL STUART** A-ID-Or From Australia, this big, deep variety is very much in line with American standards. The color is a tanish orange. Size 11x6. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

NAY AUG B-SC-Pk (Webb-Lewis-Rocky River) This is a variety that will win many awards at shows as it produces nearly all exhibition quality flowers. A semi cactus of shades of rose, blended with chrome yellow; general effect pink. Very good substance. Stems are well proportioned and rigid holding the blooms well above the foliage at a forty-five degree angle. As a "B" size pink, it will have very little competition at shows. Size 8x5. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

NEW LOOK A-SC-Y (Proctor-Ruschmohr) A large Empire yellow semi cactus with good substance and form. Plants are tall, and produce an abundance of blooms thruout the season. Size. 10x5.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

NEW WRINKLE A-FD-Pk (Rocky River) Blooms are mottled and streaked at times giving them the appearance of being wrinkled. The color is an attractive light rose-pink. An early, productive variety with distinctive, heavy, waxy foliage. Size 9x5.

Root \$5.00, Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00

NICK'S ORCHID B-SC-L (Koenig) One of the finest, lavender, semi cactus varieties. The color is clear and attractive, formation is good and stems ideal. Tall grower. Size 7½x4. Plant \$1.50

NICKY K. B-SC-R (Lakeside) A very outstanding, medium sized, scarlet red. Very good, strong stems, carry the flower facing side. A good grower producing an abundance of blooms. Size 8x4. **Root \$1.00**

OAKLEIGH CHAMPION A-IC-Au (Phillips-Oakleigh) This large cactus has made a very good record on the show tables. Flowers are well formed and of good substance. The color is a blend of burnt orange and soft pink with lemon suffusions at the base. Petals are laciniated and twisted. A good grower. Size 9x4. **Root \$1.50**

OGDEN REID A-ID-Pk (Kelly-Parrella) General color effect is "ashes of roses." Very large in diameter. Stems long and slender. Plants very vigorous and branching. Profuse bloomer. Size 10x4½. **Root \$1.00**

OHIO BEAUTIFUL B-StC-R (Parenica) One of the very finest of the "reds" of its type. Medium sized flowers on excellent stems. Its fine form makes it popular with the exhibition grower. Size 7x4. **Plant \$1.00**

100% A-ID-L (Beaver) Mauve pink flower of large size. Petals are broad and long. Good stems. Plants are vigorous with heavy, dark green, foliage. Size 10x4½. **Root \$1.50**

ORANGE MAJESTY A-ID-Or (Hadow-Rocky River) A richly colored variety of a clear orange shade. The large blooms have adequate depth and are held facing on rigid stems. Plants are sturdy and prolific. A real standout in the well grown garden. Size 10x5. **Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50**

ORANGE SPECIAL B-FD-Au (Forest View) Well formed blooms of dark autumn with Jasper red at the centers, giving an over-all effect of orange. The medium size blooms are borne in profusion on robust plants. Good stems hold the flowers above the foliage. Size 8x4. **Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50**

***ORFEO** B-IC-Pr One of the best in the purple cactus classes. Medium size flowers, well formed; good stems, and good substance. Size 7x3½. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.00**

OTTO'S THRILL A-FD-Pk (Aumuller-Ruschmohr) Camelia rose pink with edges of petals tinged canary yellow. Blooms and stems of exhibition quality. Size 9x4. **Plant \$3.50**



ORANGE MAJESTY

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We carry a supply of good labels, manufactured from selected Soft White Pine, at the following net prices; post paid.

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Painted pot label, pointed at one end, 4x5/8, at 75 cents per hundred, or \$5.00 per carton of 1000.

PAINT BRUSH B-FD-LtBl (Rocky River) An extremely heavy petaled formal, of striking color; centers sulphur yellow with outer half of petals heavily blushed cherry red. Primarily a garden sort. Size 7x3.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

PAPE'S PINK B-CS-LtBl (Pape-Rocky River) A well formed semi cactus of mallow rose with creamy centers. Ideal stems hold the flowers at a forty five degree angle. Early and free bloomer that keeps well. Plants are vigorous and wide spreading. Size 7½x4.

Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50

PATRICIA A-ID-Pk (Huey-Robens) An outstanding exhibition dahlia of light rose pink. Plants are husky and spreading, producing many blooms for a dahlia of this size. Size 11x6.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

PATRICIA SPOLEN A-IC-Or (Pennypack) The general tone of this nine inch cactus is persimmon orange. A good all around dahlia. A reliable performer in the garden, early and profuse, with nearly all blooms of exhibition quality. Size 9x4½.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

PEACH BLEND B-FD-LtBl (Haugh-Rocky River) A perfection formal decorative in the five to six inch class. Petals roll completely back to the stem forming a ball-shaped flower. The color is an attractive peach with reddish-rose suffusion on outer portion of petals. Stems are long, straight and stiff, holding the flowers well above the tall plants. Size 6x3½.

Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50

PEGGY J. B-StC-LtBl (Beals-Boyle-Rocky River) Delicate coloring and artistic formation make this one an instant hit with all who see it. A medium size flower with tightly rolled petals which are laciniated at the tips. Centers of the flowers are white, the outer third delicately suffused lilac to light lavender. Size 7x3½.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

PEPPERMINT A-FD-DkBl (Beals-Boyle-Rocky River) A ten to eleven inch formal decorative of striking color combination. The blooms are basically white, heavily outlined with deep, cherry red, with the red showing pronouncedly at the centers. The combination of red and white being reminiscent of a peppermint candy stick. It will be one of the favorites in your garden. Size 9x4½.

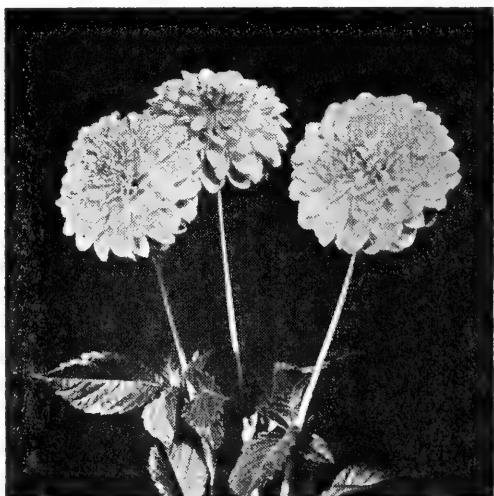
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PERRY COMO A-FD-LtBl (Lizza-Forest) Light blend of lavender and white. Blooms held at forty five degree angle on good stems. Size 9x4.

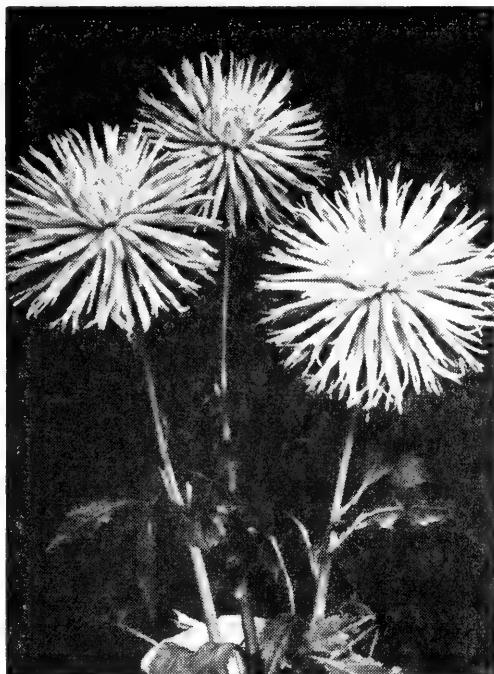
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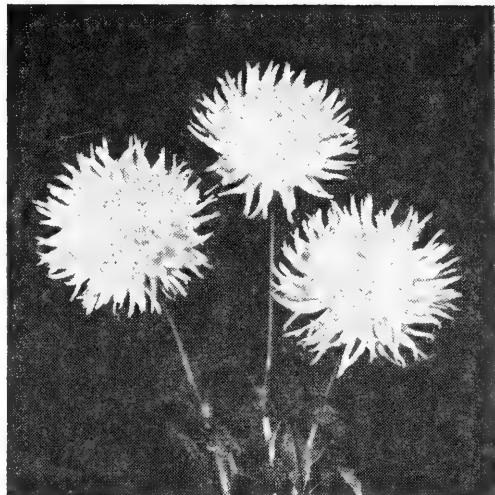
PAPE'S PINK



PEACH BLEND



PEGGY J.



PILGRIM

PILGRIM B-StC-W (Morgan-Rocky River) A white straight cactus with creamy centers. Stems and laterals are slender but rigid, holding flowers facing the side. A particularly good producer of quality blooms; one that can usually be counted upon for blooms when needed. Size 7½x4. **Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50**

***PINK GIANT** A-ID-Pk Large flowers of bright, clear, rose-pink. A great favorite with garden visitors and a fine show flower. It is a borderline variety as to type; being a true semi-cactus under some conditions when fully mature. Size 9x5. **Root \$1.50**

PINK MUM B-IC-Pk (Grohall-Northbrook) A bright pink cactus with the shaggy appearance of a chrysanthemum, as the petals curl and twist. Long stems and good keeping qualities make this a good cut flower as well as one for exhibition. Size 8x4½. **Root \$1.50**

Collections

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COLLECTION A: Eight roots of poms, and/or, miniatures	\$3.00
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COLLECTION H: Twelve plants of small types (poms and miniatures); value \$7.50	\$5.00
COLLECTION I: A collection made up to buyer's specification as to amount (ten dollars and up) and as to number and type of vari- eties; selection of varieties to be strictly ours. Over-value of not less than 30% guaranteed.	



PIRATE TREASURE



PRAIRIE FIRE

PIRATE TREASURE A-ID-Au (Marsh-Rocky River) A big, massive informal of rich autumn shades, sometimes quite heavily suffused red. Stems are long, extremely rigid, holding the flowers well above the plants. A good grower, producing blooms early. It set a record by winning ten American Home Achievement Medals as a seedling. Size 10½x7. **Root \$3.00, Plant \$1.50**

***POP HARRIS** A-FD-R An outstanding Australian of bright red and excellent form, large size and good growth. Stems are good, holding the flower facing the side. Size 9x4½. **Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

POWDER PUFF A-ID-L (Barwal) A lilac to lavender sport of Sherwood's Peach with the same extreme size as the parent. Formation of blooms and plant growth are also identical to that of the parent. Size 12x6½. **Root \$1.00**

PRAIRIE FIRE A-SC-Or (Marsh-Rocky River) It is seldom that a variety comes along which is a "natural," but we feel this is such a variety. This big orange semi cactus, growing up to twelve inches, and over, has color, size and depth. Strong stems hold blooms side facing to forty-five degree angle. Plants are very robust. Size 11x6. **Root \$5.00, Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00**

PRAIRIE SUN A-FD-Y (Marsh-Rocky River) A yellow formal of excellent form and substance. It is a tall grower, and an early bloomer, producing an abundance of exhibition quality blooms. Stems are more than average in length, holding the flowers well above the plants. It is hard to beat in its class, and a marvelous sight in the garden. Size 9x4. **Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50**

PREAS' PRIDE A-SC-Bi (Preas-Ruschmohr) A sport of "Jane Lausche." Color is orchid purple with white tips. In other respects it has all the good qualities of its parent. Size 9x4½. **Root \$7.50, Plant \$2.50**

PREMIER'S WINSOME A-ID-Pk (Swezey) An early, free bloomer bearing lots of large flowers of an attractive satiny, light pink. No trace of mauve so common in "pink" dahlias. Plants are nice growers and fairly tall. A real delight in the garden. Size 10x5. **Root \$1.50**

***PRES. JEAN LABORDE** A-ID-L A large, pleasing, lavender informal decorative, with broad petals which roll back evenly to form well-rounded blooms. A good exhibition sort. Plants are fast growing, of the type known as "open growers," and are tall. Stems are long and rigid. An early bloomer and a good root-maker. Size 10x5.

Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

PRETTY LADY A-ID-L (Pape-Rocky River) A well formed, "heavy" flower of clear lavender, with dark suffusions at outer tips of petals. Numerous, closely set petals, roll well back to the stem, forming a ball-shaped flower. Centers are high, and full, giving an impression of possible green centers as the flower opens. Plants are tall, and strong growers. Size 8x5.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

***PRIDE OF HOLLAND** A-StC-Pk This fine variety from Holland is one of the best straight cactus pinks. The color is a medium shade of pure pink. The well rolled petals show no inclination to incurve, and they are quite numerous, giving the bloom excellent depth. An open grower and a good producer. Size 8x4.

Plant \$1.00

PRIDE OF PARKERSBURG A-SC-Y (Smith) A deep primrose yellow, semi cactus. Good form and stems. Tall grower. A good one that many overlooked. Size 10x6.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

PRINCESS DIANNE A-ID-R (Comstock) A fairly large informal decorative; turkey red with darker oxblood red at center. Laciniated petals twist in all directions. Size 8½x4.

Root \$1.50

PRIVATE SECRETARY B-StC-Pr (Forest) Spikey, straight cactus of Tyrian purple. Good eight to ten inch stems. Flowers face side. Size 7x3½.

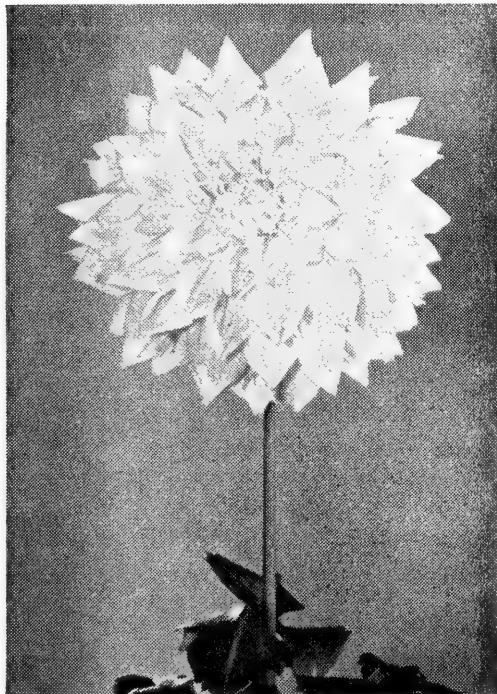
Plant \$2.00

PURPLE MIST A-FD-Pr (Emmons) A large, well formed purple which starts blooming early and freely. A good exhibition variety. Size 9x4.

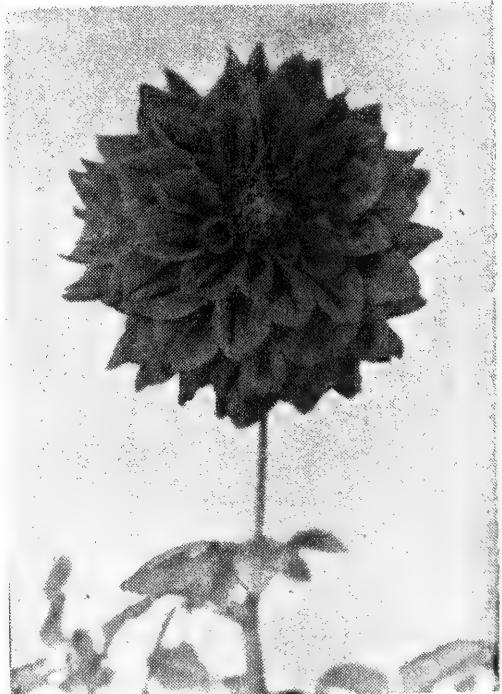
Root \$1.50

PURPLE VELVET B-FD-Pr (Baker-Rocky River) A purple sport of Deep Velvet with the same heavy textured petals and velvety sheen. It has the same wide spread growing habits of the parent, and with the same very dark green foliage. Very useful for the exhibitor who is out to win blue ribbons, as there is not too much competition in its class. Size 8x4.

Root \$1.00



PRAIRIE SUN



PURPLE VELVET

***PYGMALION A-InC-Au** A Holland dahlia of real worth. Blooms are large. The color is an attractive orange-tan with peach-red suffusion toward centers. Plants are rugged and spreading. Size 9x4. Root \$1.00

***QUINN'S TIDAL WAVE A-FD-Y** A very large, broad petaled flower of regular formation. Stems are excellent, growth very good, and it blooms well for so large a flower. An Australian introduction which made an instant hit in this country. Size 11x5.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

RED CHAMPION A-ID-R (Robens) Here is one of the largest of the informal decoratives. The color is spectrum red, blended buff with the base of the petals picric yellow. The general color effect is flame. Stems are strong holding the flower facing up. Easy to grow. Size 11x6.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

RED GLAMOUR A-ID-R (Wolbert-Rocky River) Big and bright, this introduction always attracts a lot of attention in the garden. The color is a medium shade of red with no other tints. Flowers have great depth giving the blooms a massive appearance. Like so many of the large ones, the stems sometimes seem short in proportion to the flowers. It is a dahlia that "likes" a little forcing. Size 11x6½.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

REMEMBRANCE A-SC-W (Morgan) An unusual, shaggy, white semi cactus of large size. Some blooms lightly tinted lavender at the centers. Deeply cleft petals add character to this free blooming variety. A very good grower, and it starts blooming early. Strong stems hold the flowers facing side, or at a forty-five degree angle. It will win at the shows, but it is really tops as a garden variety. Size 10½x6.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

REFUGEE B-StC-Y (Keck) A real addition to the yellow cactus class. The color is bright and lively. Stems are long and strong. Plants are open growers with glossy foliage. A free bloomer and a good cut flower. Size 7x4.

Root \$1.50

***REV. PUGH A-FD-R** An Australian variety of very striking color. The flowers are a brilliant, orange-red, and of large size. Blooms are carried on top of very strong stems. Plants are exceedingly vigorous with dark green foliage. Size 9x4.

Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00



RED GLAMOUR

PLANT SPROUTED ROOTS

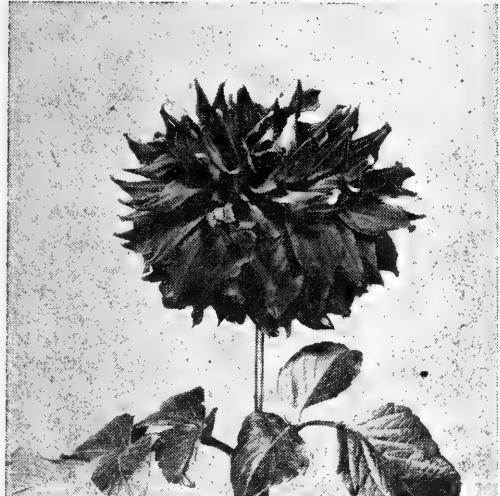
Nearly every root sent out by us at planting time is sprouted when it leaves our packing room. Should that sprout be broken off, place the root in damp lightweight material in a warm room for a week or ten days. Re-sprouting will be faster, and surer, than if planted in the garden. Much rotting in the ground will be eliminated.

Frequently sprouts become too long, in which case it is advisable to cut the sprout off two or three inches above the root, and just above a node. Normally two sprouts will develop at the topmost node, one of which may be cut off if desired.

LOST LABELS

Lost labels can be largely avoided by attaching them to one of the roots, instead of to the stalk. Stalks shrink in storage allowing the labels to slip off.

The best, and most permanent marking for labels is India Water-proof ink, such as used by draftsmen. Use painted (or treated) labels, and apply the ink with an old fountain pen. With a little practice, one can do a very neat job, and the labels will be legible even after being buried in the ground for a season.



ROYAL JESTER

RONNIE LEE A-SC-Au (Dorff) Large blooms of scarlet-red and salmon-orange; general effect is orange. An early bloomer. Size 10x6.

Root \$1.50

ROSE ANN S. A-StC-Or (Sadauskas-Rocky River) One of the best orange straight cactus in the large size class. Side facing blooms are held high above the open growing plants on long slender stems. Very early, it produces numerous blooms up to twelve inches in diameter. Size 10½x5.

Plant \$1.50

ROSELYN STRAIGHT A-SC-Au (Straight-Wells-Ruschmohr) General appearance is apricot yellow shaded and streaked scarlet red; very tips of petals are lemon yellow. Fairly large blooms. Long graceful stems hold flowers well above the plants. Very early and prolific. Size 9x4.

Root \$1.50

ROYAL JESTER A-ID-DkR (Rocky River) A very dark, blackish red informal decorative. Strong, black stems are well proportioned and hold blooms above vigorous plants. Foliage is distinctively dark green. Size 10x5.

Root \$10.00, Pot Root \$6.75, Plant \$3.50

RUDOLPH MOTZNIK A-ID-L (Retzer) A large, lavender-pink with good substance, something unusual in this color. Stems are eight to ten inches long and very strong, holding the flowers at a forty-five degree angle. Size 11x5.

Plant \$1.00

SALLY KLEIN A-FD-Pk (Kelly-Parrella) General effect pink; described as Tyrian pink and pinard yellow with both colors showing in lines on the broad flat petals. Flowers have fine stems and good substance. A good variety for exhibition as it is a good producer of quality blooms. Size 9x4.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

SAM HERST B-StC-Y (Pennypack) A fine-petaled cactus of light primrose yellow. Petals are deeply laciniated giving the appearance of more petals than there actually are. Strong stems are nicely proportioned. Size 8x4.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

SANTA CLAUS B-ID-Bi (Hendricks) A bi-color of scarlet tipped white and with the scarlet overlaid buff-yellow. Petals pointed and whirling like a pinwheel. A truly beautiful flower. Size 7x3.

Root \$1.50

SARAH CAROLYN A-FD-L (Whittaker-Ruschmohr) Strong cane-like stems hold the bold flowers facing the side above a robust plant with tough, dark foliage. Size 9x4.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

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SELLWOOD GLORY

SARETT'S PINK FLAMINGO A-C-Pk (Sarett-Ruschmohr) A large Tyrian pink with centers of Empire yellow and tips of roseline pink. Blooms are well formed and of good substance. Centers and stems are excellent. Plants are good growers and producers. Size 9x4½.

Plant \$1.00

SELLWOOD GLORY B-FD-Dk Bl (Beyerle-Rocky River) Here is one that is distinctive. Seven to eight inch blooms of mahogany overlaid purple, suffusing to distinct white edging of each petal. It is not a bicolor. Coloration of the flower is very uniform. A formal decorative, with good keeping qualities, no open centers, and good cutting stems. Very popular with our florists as it lends itself well to unusual effects in florist work. Even the foliage is attractive. Size 7x3.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

SHERWOOD'S PEACH A-ID-Au (Sherwood-Ruschmohr) Blooms have great depth and are carried facing side on cane-like stems. Plant growth is robust. Not an early bloomer but it is at its best for shows. One of the largest dahlias grown. Color is ocherous buff. Size 12x6.

Root \$1.00

***SHIRLEY WRIGHT** A-ID-R A very large rose-red with a bluish cast; bordering on the formal type, altho classed informal. Good stems, and good growing habits. Size 11x6.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

SILVER TIPS A-SC-R (Bennett & Beckmann) Light rose-red with laciniate petals, lightly tipped silver. Silver reverse shows as the petals twist. Flowers have exceptional depth, and it is one of the first in the garden to bloom. Size 9x6.

Root \$1.50

SKYROCKET A-StC-R (Sarett-Ruschmohr) A clear vermillion red of very neat appearance. Petals are rather wide and at times may be classed semi cactus. Stems are extra long and stiff, holding the blooms well above the plants. Size 9x4.

Root \$1.50

SON OF SATAN A-IC-R (Slocum) One of the largest and brightest of its type, intense flame red on excellent stems. Blooms up to twelve inches in diameter. Tall, open bush growth. A sensation in any garden. Size 10x5.

Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

SOUTHERN BEAUTY B-FD-LtBl (LaMotte-Rocky River) This is one of the most useful, as well as one of the most attractive in this list. A very well formed, formal decorative of about five inch diameter, with perfect stems, holding the flowers at proper angles. Fine for exhibition because of its form, but probably of greater value as a cut flower because of its earliness and extreme productiveness; the plants being literally covered with blooms from early until late in the season. Blooms hold their centers well. General effect is rose pink with white centers. Size 5x3.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

SOUTHERN BELLE B-FD-LtBl (LaMotte-Rocky River) A most distinctive novelty; white at the centers with the outer one-half to one-third deeply suffused rose red. Many have called it the most beautiful flower in our fields. Plants are strong, open growers. Stems are long and slender, and nodes are widely spaced. As a cut flower, it has been an instant success among Cleveland florists. Size 6x3.

Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00

SOUTHERN ROSE A-ID-Pk (Dozier) One of the best and most attractive of the large "pinks." Stems are excellent. A good bloomer. Size 10x5.

Root \$1.50

SPECTACULAR A-ID-Bi (Brown-Rocky River) An interesting informal bi-color, purple tipped and/or edged white. Extremely variable in its markings, it produces some "spectacular" effects with blooms varying from all white to all purple and every conceivable combination between. Size 8½x4.

Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50

STAR DUST A-FD-Pk (Comstock) A good, clean pink, growing up to ten inches in diameter. Very fine stems hold the flowers facing the side. This is one that will be a factor on the show tables for some years to come, because of its exhibition perfection. Size 8x5.

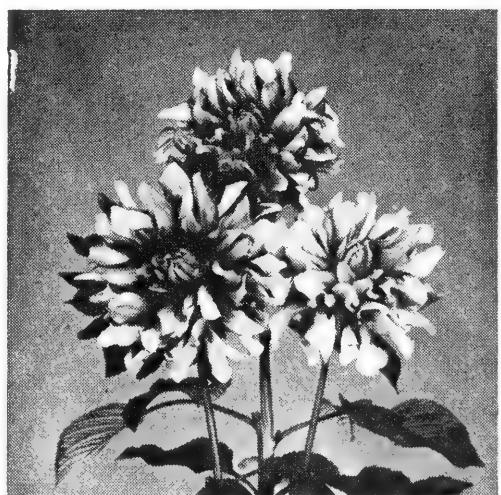
STELLAETTE A-FD-Dk R (Delbrugge) A tall, rugged plant, producing velvety, deep red flowers of large size. Cane-like stems carry the blooms erect at all times. Size 9½x4.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

Root \$1.50



SOUTHERN BEAUTY



SPECTACULAR

STEPHEN FOSTER A-IC-Au (Salem) This is one for the large cactus classes. Flowers are consistently ten to twelve inches in diameter. Plants are tall and very hardy; growing well under all conditions. The color of the flower is orange-buff, lightly suffused with Tyrian rose on both the face and back of petals. Size 10x5. **Root \$1.50**

STOP LIGHT B-SC-DkR (Lloyd-Ruschmohr) A very sound and reliable variety. The color is carmine red, blooms uniform, and the stems are long, holding flowers facing the side. An easy to grow variety. Size 7½x4. **Root \$1.50**

STORM CLOUD A-SC-DkR (Baker-Rocky River) A naturally large variety which has been grown fourteen inches in diameter. Field grown blooms sometimes attain a twelve inch diameter. The color is a dark red with occasional traces of purple. The plants are tall and wide-spreading, producing big buds that are a joy to watch opening. Size 11x5½. **Root \$5.00, Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00**

***ST. THERESE** B-StC-Lt Bl Dainty in formation and coloring. The tightly rolled petals give the flower an "airy" appearance and the delicate coloring of light lilac pink with white centers, adds up to real beauty in the pastel shades. Size 5x2½. **Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00**

SUNBURST A-ID-Y (Smith) A massive flower of deep golden yellow. A really worthwhile addition to our list. Plants are strong growers. Stems are strong. Flowers are carried well above the foliage. Size 10x7. **Plant \$1.00**

SURPRISE A-SC-Pk (Baker-Rocky River) An outstanding exhibition semi cactus. Blooms have great depth and excellent substance. The large, massive, peach colored blooms ship well and keep well. Nearly perfect stems hold flowers out of tall growing plants. Foliage medium heavy. Size 11x6. **Root \$7.50, Pot Root \$5.00, Plant \$2.50**

TAFFETA B-StC-Or (Garfield) Especially fine as a cut-flower. Bright and attractive orange color. Early and profuse bloomer on long stems. Plants are tall with slender laterals, permitting cutting for large baskets and displays. Size 5x2½. **Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50**



STORM CLOUD



SURPRISE

DAHLIA BLUE BOOK

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TALL AND HANDSOME B-FD-Pr (Emmons) Well named as it is very tall, and attractive. The color is a glistening reddish purple. Full, high centers with closely spaced petals, and good substance enhance it's value as an exhibition variety. Size 7x3½.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

THE CARDINAL A-SC-R (Baker-Ruschmohr) A nicely formed semi cactus, of bright cardinal red. Plants are tall, strong growers with blooms standing well out of the foliage on perfect stems. Winner of the Derrill W. Hart Medal in its pre-introduction year, as the large dahlia with the highest average score at three Trial Grounds. Size 9x5. Root \$1.50

THE RANGER B-IC-LtBl (Salem) The color is true purple with white veins running the length of the petals; reverse is pure white, which shows on the face as the bloom matures and the petals roll and in-curve. A dahlia for beauty as well as exhibition. Blooms are medium in size. Bushes tall. Size 8x4. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

THE REAL GLORY A-FD-W (Goodacre) A pure waxy white of good size, notable for its exceptional substance and good keeping qualities. The flowers are well formed and are carried nicely on perfect stems. Strong grower. Size 9x4. Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00

THE VOLUNTEER A-ID-Pr. (Whittaker-Ruschmohr) A fairly large informal decorative; peony purple flushed pansy purple, and with lighter edges. The general effect is dark red. An all around rugged variety. Size 9½x5. Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

TIARA A-FD-Bi (Brown) Off to a good start following introduction, this unusual bi-color should add variety to its class for some years to come. Well formed flowers carried side facing on fine stems. The color is a tannish peach with each petal tipped white. Size 8x4. Plant \$1.50

TIDAL WAVE (see Quinn's Tidal Wave, page 42)

TOP FLIGHT A-SC-R (Dozier) A fairly large bloom of very "neat and trim" appearance. The color is bright blood red, which does not fade even in the hottest weather. Stems are long, holding the flower facing slightly up. Late bloomer. Size 9x4. Root \$1.50

TOPS A-SC-Y (Dozier) A real giant of the exhibition tables. The massive blooms are a clear yellow of one shade. Stems are good. Has won many awards as the largest bloom in the show. Size 10x6.

Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

TWO IN ONE B-SC-Dk R (Wolfe-Rocky River) Ox-blood red with outstanding cut flower qualities. One of the first to bloom in the fields and very prolific. Petals have good substance. Occasional blooms are bicolors, being tipped white. A fast grower with dark foliage and nodes well spaced. Size 6x4. Root \$1.00

MIDWEST DAHLIA SHOW

The Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society will be host at the twenty fourth annual renewal of this great show on September 28th and 29th, in St. Louis, Missouri.



VAGABOND



VIRGINIA B. TAGGART

VAGABOND A-CS-R (De Rooy-Rocky River) Nicely formed semi cactus of rich velvety red. Petals have very good substance and are not readily disarranged by foul weather. Stems are on a par with its other good points. Plants are tall and extremely rugged. Mid-season to late. Very heavy root-maker. Size 9x5.

Root \$10.00, Pot Root \$6.75, Plant \$3.50

VALLEY QUEEN A-IC-DkBl (Robens) An unusual color combination of red, shades of brown, mahogany and tan, giving it a sort of "smoky" appearance. Blooms are large and of good quality. It will win consistently in it's class at shows. A good grower and good bloomer. Size 10x5.

Root \$1.50

VAL'S DELIGHT A-SC-Dk R (Veirs-Rocky River) A dark red semi cactus with light purple shades on the reverse. The reverse color shows at the centers and tints the outer petals. Flowers face the side on good stems. Very early. Size 9½x5.

Plant \$1.50

***VAL'S ST. LAMBERT** B-StC-LtBl A strikingly beautiful variety of very light pink with deeper rose-pink suffusions at the tips. The tightly rolled petals are slightly laciniated. Long stems hold flowers side facing. Early and free bloomer. Size 7x4. Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

VAL'S YELLOW A-SC-Y (Veirs-Rocky River) A large yellow, semi cactus that was one of the late Val Veir's favorite seedlings. Tall, free branching plants produce many ten to twelve inch blooms without forcing. One of the easiest to grow large yellows we have had, but one which we do not recommend be fed heavily. Size 10x5.

Root \$1.50

VICTORY A-FD-Pk (Asther) Here is a medium size dahlia with good depth that is very formidable in the formal pink class, as well as being a very pleasing variety in the garden. The color is rose-pink with a golden suffusion. Tall plants produce many fine blooms. A fine cut flower after mid-season. Size 8x4.

Root \$1.00

VICTORY ECLIPSE A-ID-Pk (Wolfe) The color is shrimp pink to peach pink as the bloom develops; the base of the petals and the reverse are canary yellow. A beautiful velvety sheen overlays the flower giving it an artificial appearance. Petals roll back to the stem. A clean grower and consistent in the production of quality blooms. Size 9x6.

Root \$1.50

VIRGINIA B. TAGGART A-FD-Pk (Pape-Rocky River) This big, pink formal is another sure-fire winner by the originator of "Mrs. Hester A. Pape." Blooms are normally about eleven inches in diameter by five and a half inches in depth. Stems are strong and erect, twelve to fourteen inches in length, holding flower at a forty-five degree angle. Blooms have good substance, holding the form well. Ideal type plants with heavy foliage and well spaced nodes. Size 11x5½.

Root \$3.00, Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50

VIRGINIA RUTE A-SC-Dk R (Siebrecht) One of the outstanding dahlias in our list. Flowers are very large, deep, velvety, dark red of neat formation. Petals are broad and rolled to a point at the tips. Plants are tall, with blooms held high above the foliage on excellent stems. Early bloomer. Also a good root-maker. Size 11x6. Root \$1.00

VISION A-SC-W (Brown-Rocky River) A fine white semi-cactus with good substance. Petals remain rigid even in wet weather giving the flowers a conformity suited for exhibition. The long stems are best if the plants have not been forced too much. Blooms are nearly all facing the side. Plants are above average in height. Size 9x5.

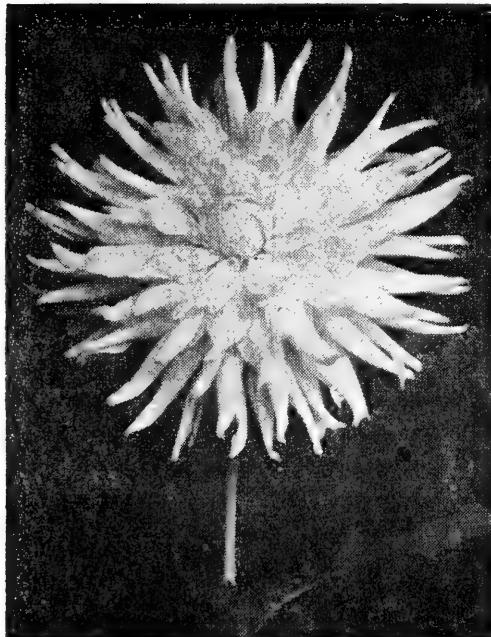
Root \$5.00, Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00

WANDA MEADE B-ID-Bi (Parrella) Scarlet red tipped white with crinkled petals. Medium sized flowers which keep well. Very stunning in the garden as it is "loaded" with blooms from early until late season. Size 6x3. Root \$1.00

***WEISSE HIRSCH** B-StC-W A very fine white cactus, with just a trace of lavender. Each petal is deeply cleft, giving the flower an appearance of great "fullness." Size 7x3½. Root \$2.00, Plant \$1.00

WHITE BEAUTY A-FD-W (Robens) One of the largest of the white formals. Tall growing plants blooming at mid-season. Stems and quality of the flower suit it for exhibition. Size 11x5.

Pot Root \$2.25, Plant \$1.50



VISION



WHITE FANTASY



WIN DEE



WINDLASSIE

WHITE FANTASY B-FD-W (Haugh-Rocky River) A heavy petaled, pure white, eight inches in diameter and of great depth. Cane-like stems hold most blooms side facing, although the one in the accompanying illustration is a top facing bloom, selected to show extreme depth of the flower. Plants are clean, fast growers, producing flowers very early and abundantly throughout the season. Size 8x5. **Root \$1.50**

WHITE WINNER B-ID-W (Wolfe) A long stemmed, full centered flower, with unusually heavy petal texture. Vigorous plants are covered with flowers from early season until frost, producing well in the hottest weather. Especially recommended as a cut flower as it is a good keeper and a good producer of both flowers and roots. Size 7x3. **Root \$1.00**

WIN DEE A-IC-Au (Rocky River) One of our own originations which we consider on par with the best of our previous originations such as WINDLASSIE, MRS. E. J. and JANE LAUSCHE. Nine to ten inch blooms of a lively color, bordering on orange. This cactus has exceptionally good substance, the stiff petals standing erect in all kinds of weather. Strong, black stems hold blooms well above tall, open growing plants. Centers remain full even on blooms that have dried up on the plant. Size 9x4½. **Pot Root \$3.50, Plant \$2.00**

WINDLASSIE B-ID-W (Rocky River) One of the whitest, white dahlias we know. Petals are overlaid with a glistening sheen. When fully developed, this is one of the most ball-shaped flowers in this list. Classed as a "B" flower it is almost alone in the white informal class. Flowers cut when they are apparently "prime" continue to grow in water and the back petals close in tightly around the stem. In spite of its ball-shape it does not bruise easily when packed to take to show. An excellent variety that has an outstanding record of "best bloom" at shows. It is an open grower. Size 8x5. **Plant \$1.50**

***WINIFRED STREDWICK** A-ID-W. Excellent quality in every respect. A "clean" white informal with extra good keeping qualities. Size 10x5. **Plant \$2.00**

ADVANCE PRICE LISTS

Each fall we issue a non-descriptive Advance Price List, primarily for the hundreds of visitors to our fields. We will be glad to send it to any who may wish to order before the DAHLIA BLUE BOOK

comes off the press, late in January. This list is not generally mailed but will be sent to those who request it, and it must be requested each year it is wanted.

WOLFE'S GOLD A-SC-Y (Wolfe) A broad petaled flower of deep yellow. Plants are tall and vigorous with dark, glossy green foliage. Size 9½x5.

Root \$1.50

WOODLAND PEACH B-SC-LtBl (Wood) A medium size semi cactus of excellent substance. The color is a delicate blend of coral pink and empire yellow. Blooms face the side or at forty-five degree angle on eight to ten inch stems. Size 7x4.

Root \$1.50, Pot Root \$1.00

YELLOW DAINTY B-IC-Y (Haugh-Rocky River) A yellow incurved cactus, which has good substance. Plants are strong growers with foliage which is typical of this type. Profuse bloomer from mid-season until frost. Size 7½x4.

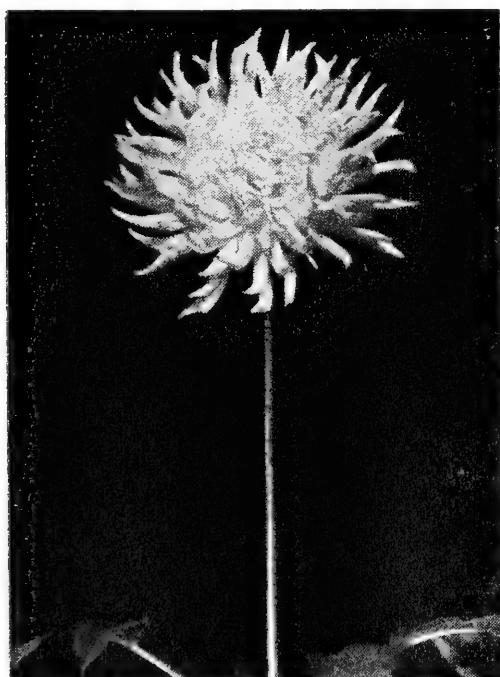
Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

***YOWU MATSUOKA A-IC-Dk R** A large ox-blood red of good form which is one of the best dark red cactus. Of Japanese origin, it quickly established itself as a favorite in this country. Size 9x4.

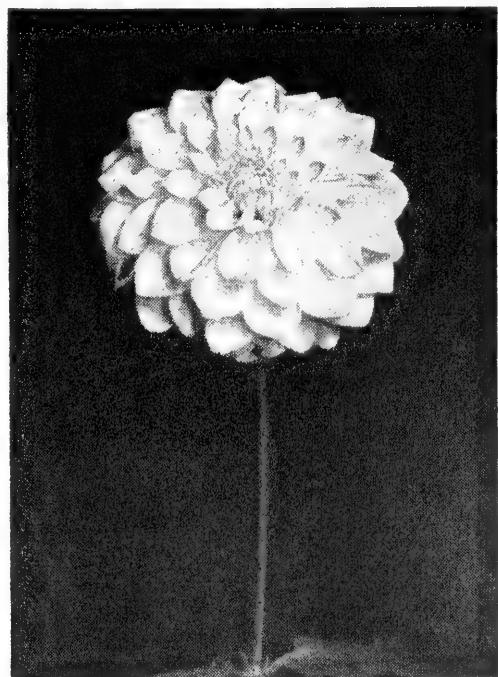
Root \$2.00, Pot Root \$1.50, Plant \$1.00

***ZENITH B-StC-Pr** An exhibition variety of merit. Nicely formed flowers with good substance. Flowers face side on good stems. Deep reddish purple, shading lighter toward the tips of petals. Size 6x3. Plant \$1.00

ZERO B-FD-W (Rocky River) Most standard white formals of B size have short stems. Here is one that has a long stem. The white is lightly flushed lavender at centers and sometimes near tip of petals. Well formed, and good substance, but some early blooms are inclined to "long" centers, a trait that disappears as production increases. A mid-season variety that holds up well in late season when most other varieties have open centers. Tall, wide spreading plants, with slender canes, permit cutting with six foot stems. Size 8x3½. Root \$1.50



YELLOW DAINTY



ZERO

Small Flowered Dahlias

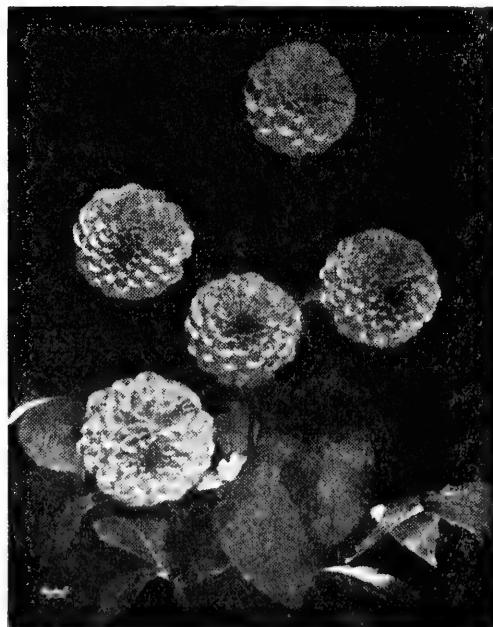
The small flowered sorts require less care and attention than the larger types. No disbudding is necessary; the smaller the flower, the better. They require less space than the large types and staking is unnecessary except for the taller growing sort. All are selected for their free flowering traits. The varieties in the following list average twenty-four to thirty inches in height unless otherwise noted. Ordinary garden soil is preferable to "rich" soil for early and profuse blooming.

All illustrated varieties are Rocky River introductions.

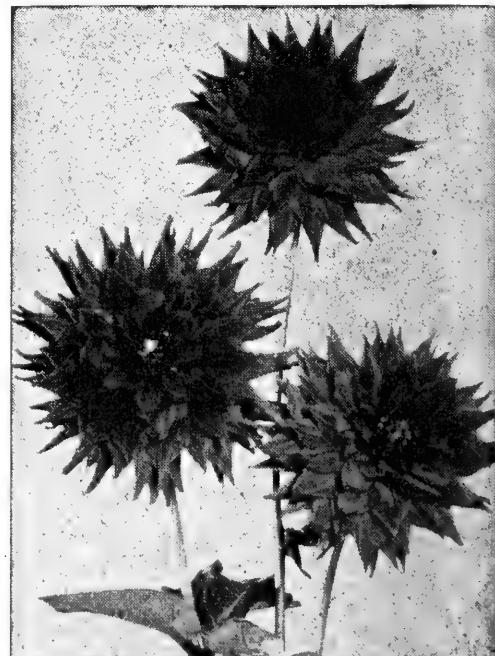
MINIATURES

All dahlias which normally produce flowers that do not exceed four inches in diameter, poms excluded, are known as miniatures. The types in the miniature group are the same as those in the larger types, such as cactus, semi cactus, decorative, etc. See page 3 for type code.

		Root	Pot	Root	Plant
*ANDREA'S ORANGE	An attractive, orange, semi cactus that has long been a great favorite.	1.50			.75
*ANNA MARIE	A flat petaled, tannish orange formal.		.75		
*ARABESKE	Sulphur yellow, semi cactus.	1.50			.75
BO BO	(Frank-Rocky River) A three inch formal of yellow-buff, deeply suffused scarlet on tips of petals. Superb exhibition variety.			.75	
CAROL HAWLEY	(Dove-Rocky River) Bright red, velvety, semi cactus. Tall grower. Late variety for Southern gardens.		1.00		
CORAL BLEND	Formal, light blend of delicate shades of pink and cream. Low growing plants.		1.00		
*DECoy	An excellent, and brilliant, formal of orange and flame red. Very early.	1.50			.75
FAIRY	An ever popular pink formal.		.50		
FUCHSIA GEM	Small, fuchsia colored, semi cactus of exhibition quality. Low grower.	1.50			.75
GENEVA CRYSTAL WHITE	Fairly large, white, semi cactus with good substance. Slightly above average height.		1.50		.75



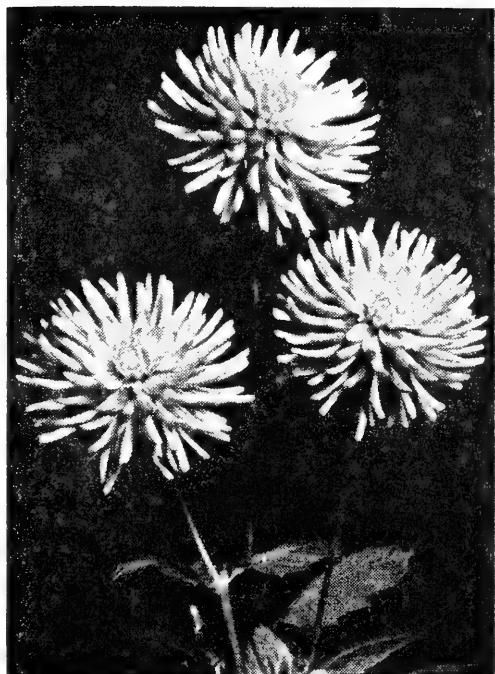
BO BO



CAROL HAWLEY



GYPSY'S KISS

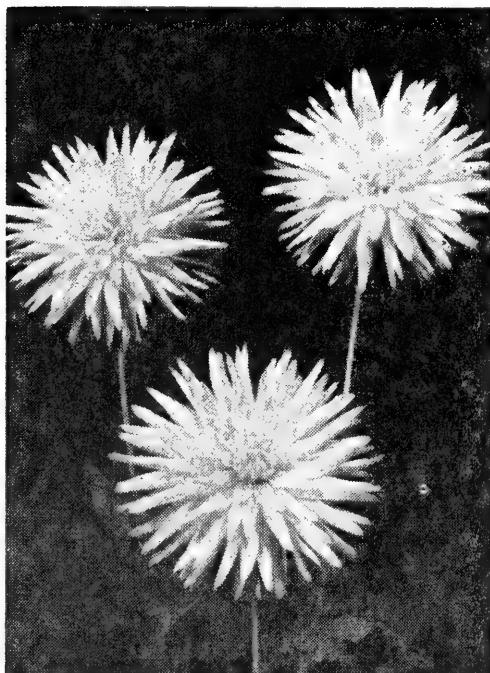


HAZEL HARPER

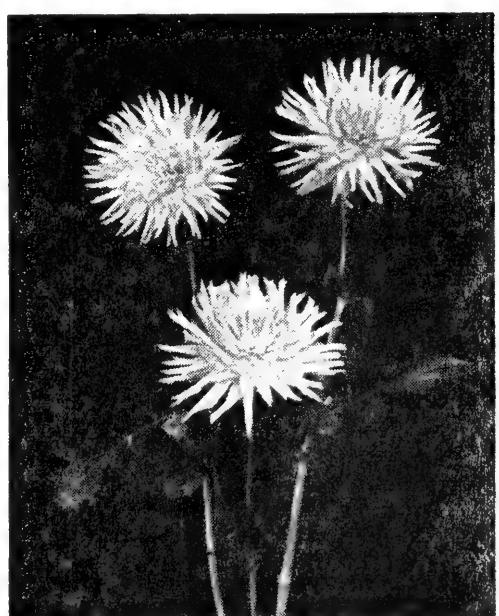
GYPSY'S KISS (Brown Rocky River) A three inch variegated formal. Basically white overlaid lavender, with the lavender more pronounced at the centers, and with streaks and specks of purple thruout the petals. Ideal for exhibition.

HAZEL HARPER (Harper-Rocky River) An outstanding, all purpose light blend miniature. Bright, clear pink, semi cactus with white centers. Terrific bloomer.

	Root	Pot	Root	Plant
	2.00		1.50	1.00
		1.50	1.00	75



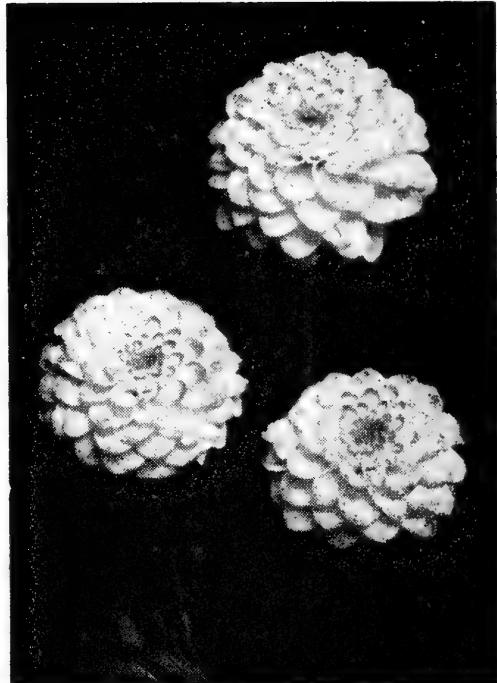
LITTLE BILL



LITTLE LINDA



META



TIMMIE

	Root	Pot	Root	Plant
*HELLY BOUDEWIGN Pure white, formal with flat petals			1.00	
IKE Deep, blood-red formal with slightly notched petals. Somewhat large but extremely popular. A tall grower			.50	
JUBILANT (American) Very colorful informal of cherry red and orange. A standout in the garden.			.75	
*JUBILANT (Holland) Rosy-lilac, semi cactus on erect stems. Classed as pink.	1.00			.50
LILLY BELLE Formal of soft pink with lighter centers. Slightly large but an extra fine cut flower. Tall grower.			.75	
LITTLE BILL (Hunt-Rocky River) A bright yellow, straight cactus. Blooms, averaging about four inches, have good substance and always have a very prim appearance.	2.00	1.50		1.00
LITTLE BLUE STAR Bicolor, semi cactus, purple distinctly edged white.				1.00
LITTLE DIAMOND One of the best, rose pink, semi cactus. Excellent substance.	1.50			.75
LITTLE JERRY Small, formal decorative, full centered, deep purple on long erect stems. Strong growing plants.		1.00		
*LITTLE JOY Bright, rose-pink, straight cactus, from England.				1.00
LITTLE LINDA (Scheel-Rocky River) White, straight cactus, with uncommonly good substance.				1.00
LITTLE RACHAEL (Hunt-Rocky River) A bright rose-pink, semi cactus. Tall, strong grower. Very profuse.	1.00			
MABEL L. (Lamenzo-Rocky River) An excellent miniature formal between autumn and orange in color	3.00	2.25		1.50
*MARKET JEWEL Brilliant, velvety red, semi cactus with excellent substance.	1.50			.75
META (Motznik-Rocky River) A "fluffy" formal miniature decorative. A blend of lavender and white with deeper lavender at centers and outer edges of the petals. An excellent sort.	2.00	1.50		1.00
*MING An artistically formed flower of shades of lavender. Informal decorative.			.75	
*MONTAFON Light lavender, semi cactus on long stems.			.75	



RUBY CHARM



SILVER SPRING

***MRS. STONE** A semi cactus bi-color of light red, tipped ivory. A distinct novelty.

	Root	Pot Root	Plant
*MRS. STONE	1.50		.75

NANCY A small, formal decorative of brilliant, scarlet red.

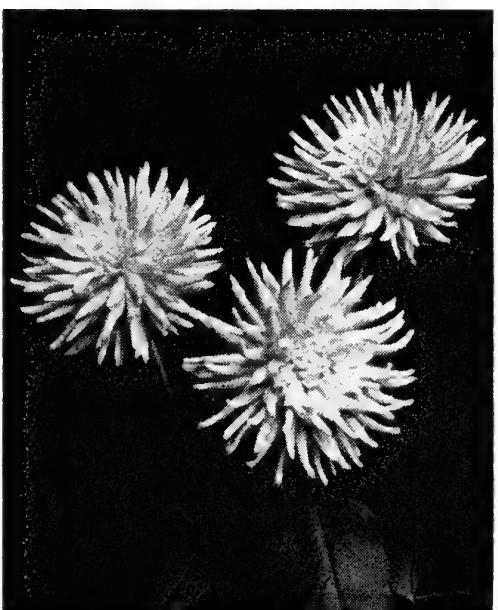
1.00

NORMA JEAN A quality straight cactus, blend of geranium pink, flushed yellow. Tall.

1.50 .75

PRINCESS ROYAL (Schoenlau-Rocky River) A mallow purple, formal decorative, of highest quality. Very prolific. Tall.

.75



LITTLE RACHAEL



PRINCESS ROYAL



ZEST



GOLD DUST

RUBY CHARM (Haugh-Rocky River) A heavy textured, velvety, ruby red, semi cactus. An all-around good sort.

SILVER SPRING (Phillips-Rocky River) A soft, delicate, pink formal with numerous, closely set petals. Blooms all within the miniature size range. A fine arrangement flower and great for exhibition.

SNOW A white formal, with slight lavender tint, as the blooms open.

TIMMIE (Elkins-Rocky River) A very satisfying formal decorative, of cream blending to rose-violet at the tips of the petals. A real gem.

WHITE FAWN This white formal is sometimes described as "like a carnation." Excellent keeping qualities and good stems make it a fine cut flower variety.

ZEST (Goddard-Rocky River) Formal, bicolor, white tipped cardinal red. One of the most uniformly marked bicolors we have grown. Tall grower.

	Root	Pot	Root	Plant
	1.50			.75
	1.50	1.00		.75
				.75
			1.00	.75
				.50
	1.50	1.90		.75

POMPONS

Fully double flowers, ball shaped or slightly flattened. Floral rays blunt or round at tips, and quilled, rather regular arrangement of petals, as in formal decoratives. For exhibition they must be under two inches in diameter.

BETTY ANN Small, soft pink with a touch of lilac. Most widely grown pink pom

Root	Pot	Root	Plant
.50			.75

BRASS BUTTONS Deep yellow. One of the best.

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BRONZE BEAUTY Autumn shades of bronzy orange. Unsurpassed as a cut flower but somewhat large for exhibition. One of the most rugged growing poms.

.50

CARDINAL Large, but a brilliant cardinal red that stands out in the garden.

.75

CLARISSE Small, deep golden orange, flushed cherry red at tips of petals. A fine exhibition sort, and a popular color for the cutflower trade.

1.00

	Root	Pot	Root	Plant
CLOVER A very small exhibition sort. Light blend of white, faintly tinted pink; resembling a clover blossom.	1.00			.50
EDITH MUELLER Golden yellow centers, heavily flushed light red on outer half of petals.		.75		
GIRSHAM Bright pink with distinct white centers.		.75		
GOLD DUST (Goddard-Rocky River) Tiny autumn of gold hues. One of the best for exhibition.	1.00			.50
HONEY Good honey colored pom with red suffusion at outer tips of petals. A good cutter.		.75		
ILA Ideal exhibition type, in an attractive medium shade of red.	1.50			.75
LITTLE DAVID Well formed reddish-orange.	1.50	1.00		.75
LITTLE EDITH Small exhibition variety of golden yellow, with deep red on edges of the petals. Very popular.		.75		
LITTLE MARVEL A brilliant, fiery red. Fine for cutting.				.75
LITTLE ROSE Deep rose-pink, with well rounded blooms.				.75
MIMOSA Well formed, bright canary yellow.	1.00	.75		.50
MISS MARJORY A tiny, well formed purple. An exceptional exhibition variety.	1.50			.75
MORNING MIST Large for exhibition but one of the best for cutting. White generously edged deep lavender, and with lavender showing at the centers.		.50		
MRS. J. TELFER Excellent white for exhibition but one which bruises easily, so must be handled carefully.	1.50			.75
REGAL Royal purple, best suited for cutting. Good substance.	1.00			
ROSEGAY A gay little pom of light rose-pink. Exhibition quality thruout.	1.00			.50
ROTHOUT Bright red of good formation, suitable for cutting or exhibition.		.75		
ROSIE A blend of lavender and rose, with lighter centers.	1.00	.75		.50
RUDD A dark wine red, well suited for cutting.				.50
SHERRY The standard deep purple, for exhibition and cutting. Size at upper pom limit.		.50		
WILLO'S VIOLET An outstanding purple for exhibition and one which can win as "best pom" at shows. Petals roll completely back to the stems, forming a perfect ball.				
YELLOW GEM An old favorite of light yellow. A dual purpose variety well suited for exhibition and cutting.		.50	1.00	.75
ZONNEGGOOD A small, well formed pom of deep gold.		.75		

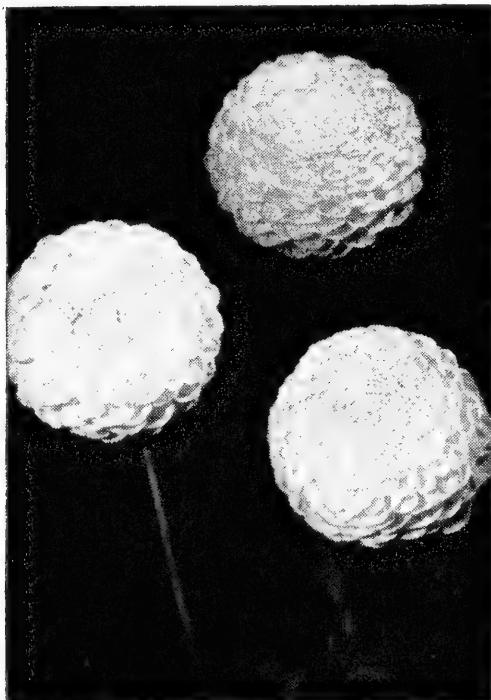
OTHER SMALL TYPES

	Root	Pot	Root	Plant
BRIGHT FLASH (Rocky River) A single dahlia of bright red. Fairly tall grower. Flowers four to six inches in diameter. Hard to beat.	.50			
*BISHOP OF LLANDAFF A miniature duplex (two or three rows of petals). Brilliant red with sharply contrasting centers of gold. Distinctive, dark bronzy-green foliage, which is popular in arrangements.		.75		
COINCIDENT Striking collarette. Cherry red, edged straw yellow with primrose yellow collar.	1.00			
FRED SPRINGER Sometimes called "The Great Killy-Lieu" or "Bedding and Hedging Dahlia." Low, compact plants, growing twenty four to thirty inches in height, are literally covered with brilliant, red formal, decorative blooms about five inches in diameter. Not suited for cutting, but very popular as a hedge, or bedding plant. Very ornamental.				.75
RED DELIGHT A large collarette, with a single row of red petals, and a row of bright yellow petaloids around the center. Four inch blooms. Very striking.	1.00			.50
SATIN WHITE Large collarette. Satiny white with white collar.		.75		
TANGO CENTURY A four inch single of light autumn shades.		.50		
VERA HIGGINS An anemone. Low grower, with three inch flowers consisting of a single row of fawn colored petals around a large, orange "pin cushion" center. A very distinct novelty.	1.50			.75

BALLS

Having the same characteristics as poms, except size. Miniature balls are two to four inches in diameter; the true exhibition ball is over four inches in diameter.

		Root	Pot	Root	Plant
BOBBY S	A fully quilled autumn colored ball with rather small petals. Long stems. Size 4x2½.	3.00	2.25		1.50
BUTTERBALL (Haugh-Rocky River)	A well formed light yellow ball with numerous, fully quilled petals. An easy to grow variety that has no tendency to being "temperamental." Tall, husky plants. Size 5x2½.	2.00		1.50	1.00
CLARA CLEMENS	A really attractive bi-color; dark red tipped white. Some solid red blooms. Size 4½x2¼.		.75		
DUSKY	A miniature ball of very dark red; almost black. Low grower. Size 3½x1½.		.75		
ED'S DELIGHT (Chandler-Rocky River)	Golden yellow; suffused red at outer edge of petals. Numerous, well quilled petals. Size 4x2.	2.00		1.50	1.00

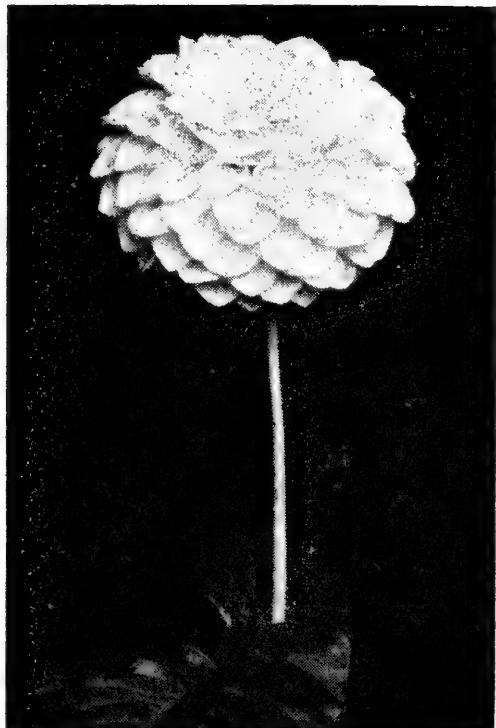


BUTTERBALL

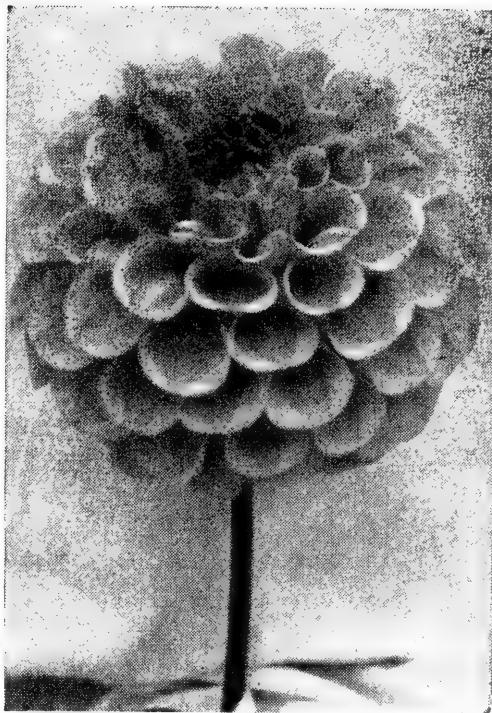


ELIZABETH H.

		Root	Pot	Root	Plant
ELIZABETH H. (Henkle-Rocky River)	A dark red ball similar to dusky in color but larger, and it is a taller grower and more prolific. Size 4x2.		1.00		.75
MOLLY LOU (Schroeder-Rocky River)	The color is a clear, deep lavender. Petals are roundly quilled forming a true ball. Plants are tall, open growers. Size 4x2.	2.00		1.50	1.00
ORANGE GLOW	Orange-gold edged red. A good ball and a most striking color. Size 4x2.		.75		
PAT 'N DEE (Pape-Rocky River)	A pure white of extremely good substance. Tall plants with heavy, waxy foliage. Size 5x2½.	2.00		1.50	1.00
ROSY DAWN	Golden-yellow, lightly edged red. Highly regarded for exhibition or cutting. Very popular.		.75		



PAT ANN DEE



MOLLY LOU

DAHLIA SEED

Sow dahlia seed during the month of March in flats, or flower pots, with good drainage. Soil should be porous. Place the seeds on top of the soil and then cover the seeds with about a quarter inch of horticultural grade Vermiculite. Sand is a satisfactory substitute for Vermiculite, but will require more attention to keep it properly moist. Water as often as necessary to maintain moisture at the seed level. The first seedlings will appear in a few days, while others may require a month, or several weeks to come up. High germination is largely dependent upon maintaining a proper supply of moisture over the entire period.

Seedlings may be transplanted to other flats (of soil) or into flower pots after they have been up about a week.

100 seed from large flowered decorative	\$5.00 net
100 seed from medium and large cactus	\$5.00 net
100 seed from medium and large semi cactus	\$5.00 net
100 mixed of the above	\$5.00 net
100 poms and/or miniature	\$3.00 net

SEEDLING PLANTS

For those who do not have the facilities for growing the seedling plants (seed sown indoors March 1st to 15th), we are offering seedling plants. These plants are from the same high grade seed offered above. The plants are carefully grown and "hardened off," and are ready for the garden when received. Priced as follows:

\$2.50 net per dozen out of flats (no soil)

Cultural Hints

Although dahlias may be grown in almost any ordinary garden soil, to produce a beautiful effect in massed color with but little attention, they respond very readily to a little extra care.

Fine dahlias are the result of a number of factors, most important of which are: (1) good vigorous disease-free stock; (2) choice of varieties which naturally produce high quality blooms; (3) location of the garden; (4) proper planting; (5) cultivation; (6) intelligent fertilization and spraying; (7) pruning and dis-budding; and (8) the successful winter storage of the clumps.

Factors (1) and (2) need no comment other than that varieties which we offer in this catalog are the result of several years of careful selection from the finest novelties placed on the market from all parts of the world. Each year we try many new sorts, then discard those which have no definite place in the better class gardens, and offer only the best to our customers. Our fields are carefully and frequently inspected. All inferior plants and those showing any symptoms of disease are destroyed. Our cultural methods are productive of the very finest quality roots and plants obtainable.

Selection of the location for the garden is usually quite restricted, but fortunately dahlias will do well in any type of soil and in a wide variety of climate. A good site is one that receives several hours of sunlight each day and has good drainage, so that water does not stand on the ground very long after rains. More important than the type of soil, or the location of the garden, is the condition of the soil at planting time, and during the growing season. We believe that more failures with dahlias are due to the lack of proper conditioning of the soil than to any other single factor. This is especially regrettable since it is a factor which may be easily controlled.

The soil of the garden should be kept loose while the plants are growing, especially in the early part of the season. Light, sandy soils need the least preparation, providing they contain enough humus to hold a sufficient amount of moisture. Humus may be supplied by planting a cover crop of rye in the fall to spade under in the spring, peat moss mixed into the soil, barnyard manures, and by vegetative refuse such as lawn grass clippings, leaves, etc.

Heavy clay soils may be made lighter by the generous use of furnace ashes or cinders mixed with the soil of the garden, or just in the hills. Lime also tends to loosen the soil but should not be used oftener than every four or five years and never in connection with barnyard manures. A cover crop of rye also aids in the loosening or lightening of the soil. Stirring the soil frequently to a depth of five or six inches helps to maintain the soil in proper condition. It must be remembered that the tender roots of the dahlia will not reach out as readily in search of food, in hard ground, as they will in looser soil. The dahlia is a very heavy "feeder" and needs a large, efficient, root system. Also, air and water penetrate more easily into loose soil to aid in the chemical transformation of soil elements into plant food.

Spade the garden two or three weeks before planting time. Leave the surface rough until actual setting of the roots or plants. Never try to "fit" the soil when it is so wet that it sticks to the tools. Planting should not be started until the soil has started to warm up in the spring, which in the latitude of northern Ohio is about May 15th to May 20th. Planting may be continued until June 15th or later.

We suggest planting in furrows or trenches about five inches deep, running the length of the row. Place the root flat in the bottom of the trench and cover with two or three inches of soil. Fill in the rest of the trench as the plant grows. Rows should be at least three, or preferably, four feet apart. Plants in the rows should be thirty-six inches apart when planting large sorts. (Small type dahlias sixteen to twenty-four inches apart). Stakes to support the plant later, may be driven at planting time, five or six inches from the eye or sprout. In planting green plants, we suggest soaking the ball of soil on the roots in a bucket of water for several minutes before planting. This eliminates watering after planting, thereby preventing "puddling" of the soil surrounding the plants. Our plants require no shading as they are well hardened. Plants which have been en route for five or six days may be acclimated to open air conditions by setting them in the shade for a day or two after they are received. We do not recommend washing the soil off the roots before planting as is sometimes done. We have found that shallow planting of plants is conducive to better clump formation. For this reason we recommend that the ball of soil surrounding the plant in the pot be covered with no more than an inch of soil when planted in the garden.

Many failures with "GREEN PLANTS" are due to improper cultural methods at the start of the growing season. Normal growth should be the aim. It is not uncommon for the gardener to employ all methods within his knowledge to get his plants off to a fast start. A fast growth is also a soft growth which is easily injured by the heat and dry weather of mid-summer. Such injuries result in a check to the plant and a resultant hardening of the plant tissues. When the tissues become hard, or woody, they lose their properties to expand, or grow. Thereafter, no greater amounts of plant food can pass up through the stalk than was the case when the hardening took place. Growth practically ceases. When this has occurred, first class results can be obtained only by cutting the plant back to the ground and starting all over. In many cases this will be too late to obtain blooms.

Hardening may also be caused by a number of other factors. In some cases the condition may have been induced by planting too early, when the soil is too cold for

normal growth. Some other factors which may cause this condition are: setting plants in the garden which have not been properly "hardened off" in cold frames, allowing the plants to dry out, excessive water, lack of cultivation, root injuries due to insects or fertilizers, as well as a number of others not so common. When growth has been normal the plant can cope with conditions which would cause a soft plant to suffer a check.

Cultivate once or twice each week to a depth of five or six inches in the early part of the season. Right next to the plant cultivation should not be as deep or some of the roots are likely to be cut off or injured. When the plants are in bloom and the spaces between the plants are pretty well filled with foliage no further cultivation will be necessary.

Water only in very dry weather. One thorough soaking is far better than several light sprinklings. Frequent watering brings the roots too near the surface where they are quickly injured by heat or drought. More water will be required after the plants start blooming than earlier in the season.

There are a number of elements in the soil which are needed for proper plant growth. Of these elements there are only three which are likely to be present in lesser amounts than needed by the plant. They are NITROGEN, PHOSPHORUS, and POT-ASH. In order to arrive at an intelligent fertilizer program we must understand the purpose of the above elements to the plant.

NITROGEN is needed for bush growth, dark green foliage, and large flowers. Plants growing in soil which is lacking in nitrogen show a yellowish cast to the leaves, low growth, failure to develop buds properly, and small flowers of poor color. Too much of this element produces a tall growth, soft plants, delays blooming, weakens stems, and reduces the keeping qualities of the root in winter storage. It will injure leaves and roots if applied directly, or too close, to them. The common sources of nitrogen are cover crops, dried blood, fish scraps, barnyard manures and commercial fertilizers.

PHOSPHORUS is the most important from the dahlia grower's standpoint. It is essential in all plant functions. It hastens blooming, increases root development, stiffens the stems, increases the general vitality of the plant, and it overcomes the harmful effects of excessive nitrogen as well as certain other adverse soil conditions. Phosphorus is not harmful even when applied in excessive quantities. The common sources are: super-phosphate, double superphosphate, and bone meal. The latter also contains a small amount of nitrogen.

POTASH increases the general vigor of the plant, it is essential in the chemical changes occurring in the plant, and root formation is dependent upon its presence. The common sources are: muriate of potash, and sulphate of potash. Hardwood ashes are sometimes used as a source of potash but are not to be recommended owing to their variability in potassium (potash) content.

As a general thing, it is advisable to broadcast an 0-20-20 fertilizer over the garden about two weeks before planting. Five or six pounds per hundred square feet of space is a good application. It should be thoroughly mixed into the soil when digging as the phosphate element is not readily moved down into the soil by water action. In some instances, owing to unfavorable soil reactions, it may be advisable to concentrate this application in the hole as it is prepared for planting. In this case, mix a good handful of the fertilizer in the soil under and around the plant. Avoid having any of the fertilizer in direct contact with the roots. This latter method will often remedy the failure of plants to make good clumps of roots. 0-20-20 is a commercial fertilizer formula indicating; no nitrogen elements, 20 per cent phosphorus and 20 per cent potash.

In average garden soil it will not be advisable to apply a nitrogeneous fertilizer at planting time, but if experience has proven that satisfactory growth early in the season is not possible without it, a small amount of barn-yard manure (well rotted) may be mixed with the soil at planting time. Nitrogen fertilizers are more satisfactorily used later in the season, after buds are formed, to give extra size to the blooms. A small quantity scattered lightly around the plant, not nearer than a foot from the stalk, and watered into the soil will decidedly increase flower size. One or two more, very light, applications at intervals of a week or ten days may further increase size. Dried blood and sheep manures are commonly available sources of nitrogen at most supply dealers. It should be noted that with the application of a nitrogen fertilizer the keeping qualities of the roots is reduced. Each subsequent application further reduces this keeping property and excessive application will injure the plant, and in cases, destroy it. Also, such applications tend to reduce the vitality of the stock for the following year. It will be well for each grower to determine which is of greater importance to him; extreme size, or good keeping roots of high vitality. Many leading exhibitors sacrifice their stock for utmost size of bloom, and purchase, or grow, other stock for the following year. Others try to strike a happy medium and still others avoid nitrogen fertilizers for "forcing" and depend on heavy disbudding and pruning for comparable results.

Regardless of which of the above plans are followed, some disbudding must be employed to bring out all the size possible in a bloom. After the buds appear it will be noted that they usually come in clusters of three. The one in the center is generally the strongest. Remove the other two and the effort that the plant would expend in producing flowers from them goes to the terminal bud which is left. The next two or three sets of branches (at each leaf below the terminal bud) may also be removed, further increasing the size of the bloom to be produced. Be sure, however, that at least one set of branches is left to produce the next flowers.

Many varieties have a tendency to grow straight up with a single stalk. If a bushy plant is desired pinch out the top of the plant when it is about eighteen inches tall. Other varieties may produce too many branches in which case some may be cut out. Plants which have been pinched out may be dis-budded as per instructions above.

Successful control of insects is of prime importance in most localities, owing to the direct damage they do to the plants and the indirect damage caused by the insects carrying diseases from one plant to another. The first principles of effective control are proper insecticides and thorough applications at frequent intervals.

DDT has proven so highly successful as a control for many of the insects infesting dahlias that it is now the basis of nearly all our insect control recommendations. On those insects not controlled by DDT, we recommend a material that is compatible with DDT and can be used in the same spray or dust. Wherever DDT is recommended, either a 5% dust or a spray containing 1 pound of actual DDT per hundred gallons is meant unless otherwise specified.

In the pest control program at our Rocky River farm, we use a spray as it is somewhat more effective and the material remains effective for a somewhat longer period on the plants. Spraying at intervals of two weeks is sufficient for excellent results in controlling most pests. Dusts may need to be applied at weekly or ten day interval. We suggest that applications be not made oftener than necessary for good control.

The efficiency of DDT is due to the fact that it is long lasting in its effectiveness against insects, and because it is not necessary that the insects be present at the time of application. Any of the insects controlled by it will be killed simply by walking across the sprayed surfaces as much as two weeks after applied. Rain does not greatly reduce the effectiveness of the material on the plants. Application may be made at any time of the day. DDT is compatible with most insecticides, except those containing lime, and may be applied at the same time in one application.

If a dust is preferred, a 5% dust can be purchased ready to use, which will do the job as well as dusts of higher concentrations, and with less possibility of ill effects to plants. If a 5% dust can not be purchased in your locality, a dust of higher percentage of DDT may be reduced to 5% by adding the proper amount of talc or sulphur. Never use lime with DDT.

For those who prefer a DDT spray, use 1 to 1½ level tablespoonfuls of a 50% wettable powder to one gallon of water. Double the amount if a 25% powder is used, or reduce by one third if using a 75% powder.

DDT is not soluble in water but mixes readily to form a suspension (materials suspended in water). Since it is a suspension, it is necessary to keep the material well agitated after mixing until used. In this form (suspension), DDT is not injurious to the user and can easily be washed off the hands. However, it is well to avoid contact of the material with the skin as much as possible.

CAUTION: Be sure the material you purchase is made specifically for application to plants.

APHIDS cause a lessening of vitality by sucking plant juices. Easily detected as they usually are found in clusters on the stems and around buds. Soft bodied insects which remain quite stationary on the plant. They may be black, red or green. Control by dusting or spraying with contact insecticides such as nicotine sulfate (Black Leaf 40), pyrethrum extracts or rotenone according to manufacturer's directions. DDT is partly effective on aphids but can not be relied upon to control them completely at all times. However, the suggested materials for rapid control can be combined with DDT.

CORN BORES drill holes into the stalk, usually at a leaf or branch. They live and grow inside the stalk, eventually enlarging their bores until a portion of the plant is so weakened that it breaks down. The adult moth of the corn borer lays its eggs on a leaf. As the eggs hatch the larva starts moving toward the stalk eating tiny trails in the leaf surface. It is at this time, only, that control measures are effective. DDT is a very effective control. The material must be present on the plant surfaces as the eggs hatch and the larva start for the stalk. For best results it may be advisable to apply the DDT at shorter intervals during the short hatching period. Your County Agricultural Agent may be able to tell you when that period will be.

CUCUMBER BEETLES are sometimes quite serious pests of dahlias. They eat holes in the petals of the flowers, disfiguring the blooms. There are two common types of the cucumber beetle. One is the Twelve Spotted Beetle, characterized by twelve black spots on the greenish wings. The other is the Striped Beetle, which has alternate black and yellow stripes on the wings. Chlordane, used as a 5% dust or as a spray according to manufacturer's instructions, has been found highly successful in their control. Cryolite is also an effective control.

CUT WORMS hide under clods or in the soil during the day and emerge at night to cut off young plants, usually at soil level. If these pests are not too numerous they may be controlled by carefully searching the top inch or two of soil within a few inches of the plant and destroying the grub which is often two inches long and fleshy. Heavy infestations may be controlled by scattering poison bran mash lightly over the garden area. DDT is effective for climbing cutworms and others when they must cross sprayed or dusted surfaces.

GRASSHOPPERS need no description. Chlordane is very effective against grasshoppers used as for Cucumber Beetles. Damage to dahlias can largely be prevented by spraying, or dusting, a wide area around the dahlia plot, thereby killing them

before they get to the dahlias. No damage has been noted to dahlia foliage when this material has been applied to plants, and when it is not practical to treat adjoining areas, the spraying of the plants will satisfactorily eliminate the grasshoppers.

JAPANESE BEETLES which are very destructive to blooms, and their presence readily detected, can be controlled by DDT sprays. Treating the soil, in which the adult beetles lay their eggs, with DDT will destroy the grubs before they emerge from the ground in the spring. Five pounds of a 10% DDT per 1000 square feet is the usual recommendation. Lawns thus treated are not harmed.

LEAF EATING INSECTS AND CATERPILLARS whose presence is evident by their eating of foliage, readily controlled by spraying or dusting with stomach poisons such as arsenicals. DDT also seems to control, either as a spray or dust.

LEAF HOPPERS are small greenish-yellow, flying insects which are very active in warm weather. Disturbing the plant will cause them to fly rapidly away and they can best be detected in this way. They are usually found on the under sides of the leaves sucking the plant juices, causing the edges of the leaves to turn yellow, eventually browning and destroying entire leaves at the bottom of the plants. Previous controls have not been very effective unless applied every two or three days. DDT will control them almost 100%.

RED SPIDER MITE, or simply red spider, are very small black and white to brownish, minute insects, nearly always found on under sides of the leaves. A magnifying glass is necessary to see these tiny insects but their damage is apparent by browning of the lower, and to lesser degree, the upper surfaces of foliage. Under sides of the leaves usually appear to have "rusty" areas and a sort of silky appearance. In the past they have not been serious pests of the dahlia except in isolated cases. However, if DDT is used as a control for other insects, it is likely that red spider mite will be very prevalent and cause much damage if not promptly controlled. To make matters worse, DDT kills the predators or parasites which normally feed on the mites.

Parathion has proven very effective in the control of red spider mite when used at the rate of one half pound of 15% wettable powder to 100 gallons of water. If a dust is preferred, a 1% dust will give excellent results. This can be made by adding fourteen pounds of dusting talc to one pound of the 15% powder. Aside from the precautions to prevent contamination of the skin and clothing of the operator, it is close to ideal. No foliage burn or injury to blooms has been observed. Parathion may be used in DDT sprays or dusts, but should not be used other than necessary to keep red spider under control.

MALATHION (Malathon), used according to manufacturer's directions, has been found to be fully as effective in the control of red spider as Parathion in tests by Dr. R. B. Neiswander of the Ohio Experiment Station. Dr. Neiswander has been conducting tests with a number of miticides, on dahlias, for the past several years. Malathion is far less dangerous than Parathion to use, altho closely related, and can be used by the home gardener with comparative safety. We suggest those who have hesitated to use Parathion, because of it's toxic properties to humans, try Malathion.

TARNISHED PLANT BUGS are small plant bugs about a quarter of an inch long, brown mottled with shades of red and yellow. They are seldom seen on the plants as they fly away at the slightest disturbance. The bugs puncture the stalk, stems and buds, causing small black spots. Growth of stung part is severely checked, causing a shortening between nodes of the plant, shortening of stems, and causing buds to open one-sided or to fall to open at all. Badly infested plants are short, very bushy and never produce presentable blooms. DDT has proven highly effective in the control of this troublesome pest which has been very difficult to control before.

THIRIPS are very small, light greenish-yellow to dark brown insects which may be found by close examination of unfolded leaf tips and among petals of the flowers. A magnifying glass will aid in finding them as they are almost invisible to the naked eye. They cause malformed, dark spotted and blistered appearance of the leaves and often result in stunting of the plants. They are easily controlled with DDT. The Tarter Emetic and brown sugar spray, previously recommended, is still considered an adequate spray material.

Considerable success in keeping down the ravages of pests has been obtained by some growers by frequent, over-head watering, during the hottest part of the day. The water is turned on for a couple of hours every two or three days. This method is more practical on light, well drained soils than on the heavier soils which may become saturated to the detriment of the plant.

DISEASES rob the plants of vitality, and in the case of some diseases, eventually destroy the plants. Control methods require destruction of all infected plants as the symptoms become apparent. Control of insects prevent spread.

MILDEW, common in the fall, is well-known. Control by dusting the under side of lower leaves with dusting sulphur, about Sept. 1st. One application will suffice for the season.

After the frost has destroyed the plants in the fall cut the stalk off at the ground. An ordinary saw is fine for this. If possible leave the clump in the ground for a week or ten days before digging. A long tined fork is best for digging the clumps. Be careful not to break or even strain the necks of the tubers. One person, with a fork, on each side of the clump to be dug can lift the clump out with less damage. Do not leave the clumps exposed to the sun or wind for more than a few minutes. If the clumps are too moist to store at once dry them off a bit in the shade or basement. Cut the stalk off to within a couple of inches of the crown. This largely helps to prevent stem rot later.

Winter storage of clumps offers a problem for which it is difficult to make specific recommendations. No method is universally satisfactory. It is often necessary to try several methods before hitting upon one which fits your particular conditions. For that reason we will outline a few of the ones which have proven to be among the most successful.

(1) Most primitive, but very good, is the digging of the clump with as much soil adhering as possible. The clump in the soil is stored in a cool part of the basement or fruit cellar, usually with some additional cover. If roots start to shrivel, a little water may be added to the soil.

(2) Clumps are placed right side up in a single layer on the floor, or specially made frames, and soil filled in around them leaving the crown and stalk exposed. Enough water is added from time to time to keep the soil moist enough for growth.

(3) Clumps may be cleaned by washing and packed in boxes or barrels with some packing medium to fill in the spaces between the roots. Such materials as sand, ashes, peat moss, shavings, sawdust, leaves and like materials have been used for this purpose for many years. However, since the recent development of expanded mica, sold under such trade names as Terralite, Agrilite, Vermiculite, etc., it has been found that this material is far superior to any of the others. It is sterile and its properties for absorbing and holding excess moisture tends to maintain a nearly ideal condition around the roots. We are recommending this as a starting method for beginners.

(4) If large quantities of clumps are being stored, they may be packed tightly together in barrels or boxes without being washed and the container tightly covered with several layers of newspaper. No packing medium is used in this case, the close packing of the clumps tending to prevent excessive evaporation.

There are two schools of thought in regard to proper preparation of the clumps prior to packing away. One favors a thorough drying of the clumps before they are put away. The other prefers packing the clumps immediately after digging unless they are extremely wet. We believe in the latter method, which has been successful for us, because it more nearly simulates conditions of the wild state of the dahlia plant, where it remains in the ground all year around. Method No. 2 above probably comes closest to the native state of wintering, and were it not for the space needed for it, and "housing" of so much soil, it would be nearest ideal.

Regardless of method used for storing, it is very important that an examination of the clumps be made about once a month during the storage period. If it is found that rot or mold has set in, greater air circulation should be provided. If roots are shrivelling it may be necessary to add a little moisture and give the containers more covering.

Ideal storage temperatures are from forty to forty five degrees, altho no noticeable harm occurs at temperatures down to just above freezing and up to sixty five or seventy degrees. Proper humidity of the air in the storage room is an aid to good results; it being advisable in some cases to place a pail or tub of water in the storage room. In other cases it will be advisable to provide for additional circulation or drying of the air. Experience and observation will eventually determine a successful method for your conditions.

The clumps may be divided at any time but it is best to wait until the eyes or sprouts show distinctly. Never plant the entire clump. For best results divide it so that there is but one sprout to each division. Usually good clumps will average four or more divisions.

We will be glad to answer any further questions regarding these or any other phases of dahlia culture. OUR SERVICE DOES NOT END WITH THE SALE.

How To Handle Cut Flowers So They Will Keep

The life of dahlia blooms after they are cut may be very much prolonged by a few simple precautions taken at the time of cutting.

First of all, cut only FULLY MATURED blooms. Flowers with a withered petal or two on the back will keep longer, under similar conditions, than young blooms. If desired, the withered petals may be picked, or cut off. Cut a longer stem than will be necessary in the vase or container, for which the flowers are wanted.

Cut the flowers early in the morning before they start to wilt, or in the evening after they have revived from the effects of the sun and winds of the day. Make the cut with a sharp knife so that the microscopic tubes in the stem, which supply water to the flower head, are not crushed.

Flowers should be cut at least eight hours before it is planned to use them. As soon after cutting as possible, the stems should be placed in cool water in a cool draftless part of the basement. When putting the flowers in water in the basement, it is to considerable advantage, to trim off an inch or two of the stem under water. This cuts off the portion of the stem into which air may have entered the microscopic tubes and choked off the supply of water passing up to the flower head. When the supply of water fails, of course the flowers will wilt.

After the period of "hardening" or "finishing" in the basement, the flowers may be used for their intended purpose. In placing them in their permanent containers it is well to again trim off a small portion of the stem under water. In fact, this should be done each time the stem is out of water for more than a moment. Use only CLEAN water and CLEAN containers; factors which are important but often overlooked. Thereafter change the water once a day and trim off the stems. Set the containers out of direct sunlight and drafts. Follow the foregoing suggestions and you will find the dahlia a long-lasting flower.

